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ISAAC BROWNELL BROWN

PREFACE



It is probable that in a majority of families little consideration is given genealogy until the meridian of life is past and then only by a very few people.

If the career of any of the members of a family has been creditable, and family ties have been considered precious, the reasons are cogent that lead to the preparation and publication of such family genealogy. Veneration for the lines of ancestors, for their services in war and achievements in peace, together with family pride, certainly justifies such action.

More than forty years ago, I began to think just a little on this subject, prompted by hearing my father say that his grandfather was a soldier of the American Revolution. This led me to inquire of both father and mother for information and I made memoranda of what they then gave me. This inquiry extended no further than the period in which my grandparents lived, and that then seemed so far back that it looked like ancient history.

Thus time passed on, and not until father and mother had gone from this life to eternity, did I become possessed of a desire to know more of my ancestral lines, and then it was too late to secure from them, my honored parents, the data, so devoutly to be wished by me.

Since that time, when I could do so, I have devoted much time and energy in research for different lines of ancestry, as well as to gather the data to make complete the genealogy of Russelas Wilcox Brown and Mary Potter Brownell Brown and their descendants. In a measure, my efforts have resulted with success and as concerning my parents, and their descendants, I hope it will be considered fairly complete.

It is a satisfaction to me in so far as is concerned the data given me by my father and mother, that my researches have verified the correctness of their statements.

My compilation of genealogical data has been made in the spirit of family pride, coupled with a desire to present facts which would truthfully reflect credit upon our family, as well as to pay a tribute to the parents our family all loved and venerated.

In the first part of the volume will be found a record of Rasselas Wilcox Brown and Mary Potter Brownell Brown and their descendants, and in the second part will be found the family lines from which our Brown Family is descended.

In treating these ancestral lines, I have commenced with the Progenitor of a family, meaning the Emigrant, and followed the line down to a branch of the family from which we are descended, and having reached that point, but little additional information is given of such ancestral line. There will, however, in the case of the Isaac William Brown, the Brownell and Wilcox Families, be found additional records. To illustrate: In the case of the Pendleton Line, I commence with Brian Pendleton, following with his son, James Pendleton, then Joseph Pendleton, then Col. William Pendleton, then Captain William Pendleton, whose daughter intermarried with the Wilcox Family; then bring to an end, the Pendleton Line.

There are about twenty ancestral lines that I have followed back to the time of emigration to America. By this plan there is, therefore, made not only a record of our Brown Family, but also the different lines from which the descent is made.

Let it be understood, that while this publication will appear in some of the Libraries, it has been prepared more in particular for the homes of the members of our Brown Family. The preparation, of course, has been a labor of love, but it has brought to me a world of pleasure in the study of the New England Families who came to America to seek Civil and Religious Liberty. They were strong in their religious faith and invincible in the struggles they made in conquering their enemies. They were sturdy, honest and heroic, and won their successes and victories by their strength of character, and their blood in the veins of their descendants, is the very best in the world.

All our ancestors came from England somewhat contemporary to the coming of the Pilgrims at Plymouth. Many of them located about Stonington and Westerly, in Connecticut and Rhode Island, after spending a few years after their arrival in Massachusetts.

Walter Palmer, sometimes called the Puritan, was the progenitor of the Palmer Family, and he is a common ancestor of our family and General U. S. Grant, who led the great armies of the American Union to victory, in the Civil War. Oliver Hazard Perry, who commanded the fleet that fought the English on Lake Erie in the War of 1812, has a common ancestry with our family in Thomas Hazard, the progenitor of the Hazard Family. Admiral Dewey, who commanded the American Navy and won the decisive battle in Manila Bay, has for one of his ancestors, Captain George Denison, the most distinguished soldier in Colonial Wars of New England, and in campaigns against the Indians, and he was also our ancestor.

Caroline Hazard, of Rhode Island, of great renown as an Educator and for many years President of Wellesley College, has, as have we, Thomas Hazard for an ancestor. So with Miss Ellen Fritz Pendleton, now the President of the same Wellesley College, is descended from Colonel William Pendleton, from whom our line also descends.

Some of our ancestors lived in America about 150 years before the formation of the Government in which we live and which we admire. True it is that New England ancestors may give no assurance against failures in life, but their descendants have been the progressive, energetic and influential citizens who have made good in their careers, and have been the most loyal and devoted of American citizens.

In the way of abbreviation, in making record of families, the letter "b" means born, "m" means marriage, and "d" means died.

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Part The First



Genealogy

of

RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN

AND

MARY POTTER BROWNELL BROWN

AND

THEIR DESCENDANTS



RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN AND MARY POTTER BROWNELL BROWN.

RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN AND MARY
POTTER BROWNELL BROWN
THEIR DESCENDANTS.



RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN, son of Isaac Brown, Jr., and Polly Wilcox Brown, and grandson of Isaac William Brown and Esther Barrington Brown, was born at German Flats, Herkimer County, New York, September 30, 1809, and died at Rasselas, Elk County, Pennsylvania, June 27, 1887. He married Mary Potter Brownell, at Fort Brewerton, New York, September 25, 1832. She was the daughter of Jedediah Brownell and Eunice Watkins Brownell, and was born September 23, 1815, and died at Cicero, New York, April 12, 1898.

It is a somewhat remarkable thing that both father and mother had a common ancestor, Thomas Brownell, of Portsmouth, Rhode Island, who was the Progenitor of the Brownell Family in America. This fact never appears to have been known to father and mother, though both lived long lives, having lived four years after celebrating their golden wedding, before father died. In the ancestral lines of the Brownell, the Wilcox and Hazard Families, given in this publication, there will be found proof of this kinship.

Rasselas Wilcox Brown, by way of identification, may be designated as Rasselas Wilcox Brown, The First, as he has a grandson named Rasselas Wilcox Brown, designated as Rasselas Wilcox Brown, The Second, and he has also a great-grandson, who is named Rasselas Wilcox Brown, The Third.

The origin of the name Rasselas in our Brown Family came in this way: Isaac Brown, Jr., father of Rasselas, The First, was an admirer of the writings of Samuel Johnson, a noted author, and he was particularly fond of the story called "Rasselas, Prince of Abyssinia," in which Rasselas was the hero of the noted story, and gave his oldest son the name of

the hero of that legend, together with the maiden name of his wife, Polly Wilcox, making the whole name Rasselas Wilcox Brown.

After the marriage of Rasselas, The First, he and his wife commenced life's struggle on a farm adjacent to the beautiful Oneida Lake, where they remained for only a few years, when they removed to Summer Hill, Cayuga County, New York, living there until 1838, where their son, William Wallace, was born; Jefferson having been born at Fort Brewerton.

Colonel William Pendleton Wilcox was the brother of Polly Wilcox Brown, the mother of Rasselas, The First. He became interested in the forests of Pennsylvania, and represented a large Land Company and took up his residence at a place afterwards called Williamsville, in what was then Jefferson County, Pennsylvania. Colonel Wilcox was fond of his nephew, Rasselas, The First, and prevailed upon him to visit the then wilds of Pennsylvania, with a view of locating there. Complying with this desire on the part of his uncle, Rasselas, The First, and his brother-in-law, Hon. William S. Brownell, made the trip into the almost boundless forest of the Northern Central part of Pennsylvania. They found the magnificent forests to be attractive, for there was music in "the murmuring Pines and Hemlocks" and in the chattering brooks that made their way to join the "Brimming River." Sparkling, pure and enchanting were the forest streams of the State which were looked upon by the two sturdy young men who contemplated the carving of a home in this wonderful "Primeval Forest." The stately trees of the forest made a deep impression upon our honored father, which resulted in his final settlement in Pennsylvania; though both he and his companion visited Michigan before deciding definitely.

As father told his children in after years, he was of the opinion that land which would produce such an unsurpassed forest, must also be good for agricultural purposes. So in 1838, with his devoted wife and his two boys, Jefferson and Wallace, he started for the wilds of Pennsylvania. It was a long journey in those days, for after crossing the Pennsylvania line, the roads were very poor, and yet with his good team

of horses, with all the effects he retained from his residence at Summer Hill, loaded in a wagon, he finally reached a place called then, or afterwards, Williamsville, which was about four miles northerly from the place he selected for his permanent abode. There were two or three families at Williamsville, one of which was that of his uncle, Colonel William P. Wilcox.

Not long after his arrival in Pennsylvania he was taken very ill, and it is probable that the period of his sickness was the most serious time of his life. In addition to his severe illness, he became nearly blind, and never fully recovered his sight. The situation during the first few years in Pennsylvania was most grave and calls for sympathy for this faithful man. During the stay at Williamsville, there were born two more children, Olive and Mary Ann, thus adding more cares and burdens, though they were love burdens.

Here were placed responsibilities on his wife, Mary Potter Brownell Brown, of the most burdensome character, and had she not been a heroine in every emergency, this family of Browns might have endured severe suffering. Her energy, her courage and invincible will, brought the family through that trying crisis. Her descendants can never fail to venerate her for her strength of character and her endless devotion to her family.

In 1841, Rasselas Wilcox Brown built one of the first frame houses in Jones Township, some four miles from Williamsville, on the road leading to Ridgway, it being the only road in that township which in territory was large enough for a county. It was a good house for the time, and ever afterwards, in the life of our parents, was their home to which their children were always welcomed with a welcome that was never excelled. Here frequently family reunions were held, and in 1882, the Golden Wedding was held, at which all the children and grandchildren and many other relatives assembled to tender their love and respect for these parents who were held in great reverence. In this house Eunice and Isaac were born, making in all their six children. Never until after the golden wedding had there been a death in the family, and the relations existing between parents and children were most lovable and companionable.

It would be a difficult proposition to describe fully the struggles of these parents as they commenced the carving out of a home midst the stately forests with which they were surrounded. Father was the axeman that went forth day after day and year after year, to battle with the hale and hearty trees that were hundreds of years old. Slowly, but steadily, they went down under the axeman's sturdy strokes, yielding to the pluck, the energy and determination of that man who in a few years had fields of waving grain growing where before nature had existed in its primitive condition.

The effectual work of father in forest and farm, had its parallel in the home, where mother contributed so much energy and devoted work in making her home attractive for her husband and her children.

We read in the genealogies of the families from whom we are descended, of the struggles and hardships endured by them in Rhode Island and Connecticut, but with the exception of Indian troubles, their experience did not parallel the privations of father and mother in the wilds of Pennsylvania. Some relief came when the older children had arrived at an age when in home and on farm they could be of assistance.

I think there were but two horse teams in Jones Township when our parents came into that territory. There were no stores or markets. The products of farm and dairy were taken by father to Buffalo for market, and with the proceeds he brought home groceries and other necessities. The team which father owned was thus an important factor in the family existence and it also looked good when father came in sight from one of these near three-hundred-mile trips.

It was a glad day when the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad was completed in 1864, for it seemed to dispel the commercial darkness which then surrounded the homes of the pioneers. A gladder day arrived when the Erie Railroad built its branch line into the wilderness and passed directly through the old farm. Wilcox, four miles away, was our Railroad Station until the Erie Railroad came, at about the time of the golden wedding, when the Erie Railroad built a station on the old farm, only a few rods from the house. General Thomas L. Kane, long a firm friend of our family, and being

particularly fond of father and mother, asked the railroad authorities to name the station "RASSELAS," which request was favorably considered, and so the name of Rasselas, The First, is thus to some extent perpetuated. The Postmaster General also changed the name of the post office to "RASSELAS."

Rasselas Wilcox Brown and Mary Potter Brownell Brown lived lives worthy of sincere emulation. It is believed that father never regretted moving into the wilderness of Pennsylvania, for only a short time before his death, he told his daughter-in-law (Mrs. Isaac B. Brown) that if he were to begin life over again, he did not think he would do differently. Mother, though devoted in all her ways, perhaps felt that she preferred more society and advantages than she could find in the wilderness. She was a wonderfully ambitious being and her energy knew no bounds. It is not surprising, therefore, that one so ambitious and so intelligent, always a student, should long for more congenial surroundings than could be found in the neighborhood of her Elk County home.

Father and mother were Baptists and in their earlier days, before coming to Pennsylvania, had been active in Church matters, but, of course, for decades of their existence in the forest, there were no churches or religious activities or ceremonies, save that of the "*Home Altar*." This was not forgotten. Father and mother were both faithful to the end. There was no faltering. It may be said that father's slogan in religious affairs, was "Repent, Believe and be Baptized and Ye shall be saved."

When the Civil War came, it brought to the surface every spark of patriotism of the entire household. Father and mother saw their three sons and two of their sons-in-law respond to the call of the imperiled nation, and this brought to them days, weeks, months and years of solicitude, but there was no pausing in loyalty, no faltering, but every effort was put forth to support and sustain *Abraham Lincoln* in the struggle for the establishment of the supremacy of the American Union.

My justification for giving these details in reference to father and mother in this publication, is that I am dedicating these

assemblages of facts to the memory of Rasselas Wilcox Brown and Mary Potter Brownell Brown, for their uniform kindness, forbearance, care and material help in the days of my youth.

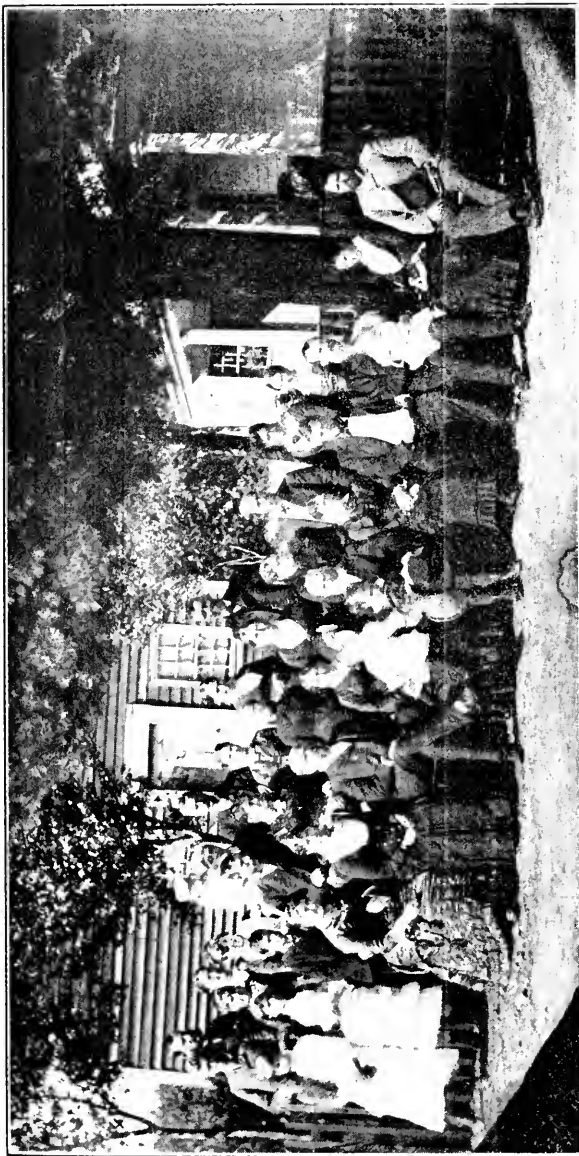
For some forty years prior to the decease of my father, he had been unable to read on account of his very defective eyesight. For one who had been a great reader, this was a sad fate. However, up to his last days he was abreast in information in reference to all the great events of the world and particularly so as to our own country. Mother was a constant reader and she read to father nearly all her spare time, which kept him the best posted man in his locality, and indeed there were few men who possessed more general knowledge than Rasselas Wilcox Brown, The First. He saw the great world and the occurrences among the nations of the earth through the eyes of his devoted wife. When his day's work was finished and the family were seated around the hearthstone, these were his oft repeated words: "Come, Mary, get the paper and read the news." Mary responded and all listened.

Father was the only one in his family, who deflected the course from the Westward trend, and came to Pennsylvania. It was seldom that he heard from, or at least saw his cousins or other relatives, who had gone towards the setting sun.

One of these cousins was Alanson Brown, of Owatonna, Minnesota, and it would seem that they had not met since they were boys together at German Flats, Herkimer County, New York. In 1887 father received a letter from him, but the contents are not known to me. Some few years ago, while this Alanson was living, he sent me the letter from father, it being in answer to the letter he had written father. This letter was written by mother, but probably under direction of father, and it seems proper to reproduce it here, as it throws light on the lives they lived.

"RASSELAS, PA., Jan. 19, 1887.

"Dear Cousin: I was very much surprised and also exceedingly glad to hear from you, for I did not know but that you were counted with many of our friends that have passed to the other shore since last we met. Your letter brought many pleasing recollections of



REYNOLDS ON THE OCCASION OF THE GIFT OF A WATCH TO MISS BROWN AND MISS BROWN WITH PRESENTS, 1875-1876.

From Left to Right. First Line, Lena Merriam Brown Latta, Ellen Candall Brown, William Wallace Brown, Mary Potter Brownell Brown (on her lap) Jefferson Brown Latta, Russell Alexander Brown, the first standing at his knee; Wallace Brown Allen, Helen Arnold Merriam Brown, John George Collier, Peter Henry Brown, the last two seated.
Second Line, Eillian Brown, Ella Marie Hewitt Embark, Clarence Leonard Allen, Phineas S. Embank, Ann Eliza Merriam Embank, Mary Ann Brown Merriam, Sara Brown Shaw, Olive Jane Brown Moyer, Silas W. Moyer, Mary Ann Brown Allen, Eunice Angeline Brown Hewitt.
Third Line, Frank Russell Brown, James Leavelle Brown, Elizabeth Brown, Robert Cadogan, Mary Shaff Whitehead Line, Rev. Nighy and Mrs. Neely (Not of the Family), Benjamin John Albert Rader (on her arms) Merriam, Ben Barnes, Charles Collier, May Collier Brown, and Catherine Brown.

our boyhood days when we were all boys together, and the many tricks we played. No knowing what we might have done if we had not had parents that had watchful care of us.

"I left Cayuga Co., N. Y., and came to this place in 1838. It was then an almost unbroken wilderness and very heavily timbered. You can imagine some of the many hardships that we have endured, but it is useless for me to undertake to tell you all about it. But with all the privations, and hardship, we have many things to be thankful for. We have had six children,—raised them all, three sons and three daughters. They are all married and doing well and are all honorable and respected citizens.

"So you see my wife and I are living alone. The Good Lord has blessed us in our family relations. We have never been called to part with any of our family by death. We have been married fifty-four years last September, and still we live. Four years ago we celebrated our golden wedding. All our children and grandchildren and one great-grandchild, were with us together with Sister Mary Ann Merriam, Sarah and husband, Gilbert and wife, Eliza and son, Charlie Collyer, all from Michigan. I can tell you we had a good enjoyable time and take it all together the year 1882 was a good year for the 'BROWNS.' Two of our sons, Jefferson and Isaac, were elected to the State Legislature, and the other, Wallace, was elected to Congress. Was that not pretty well for one year?

"I went to our old home three years ago and would like to go again, and will, if I am able; if you will come and make us a visit, then we will go together. I am rather feeble, especially in cold weather, and my eyes have been so poor that I have not read a word in a great many years, and they are worse now than ever before. I am in my 78th year of my age.

"Now please write us again and direct to R. W. Brown, Rasselas, Elk Co., Pa. My love and best regards for yourself and family.

"Ever Your Loving Cousin,

"R. W. BROWN."

THEIR CHILDREN:

JEFFERSON LUTHER BROWN, b. at Fort Brewerton, N. Y., June 25, 1834; d. at Wilcox, Pa., December 12, 1897.

WILLIAM WALLACE BROWN, b. at Summer Hill, N. Y., April 22, 1836, lives at Bradford, Pa.

OLIVE JANE BROWN, b. at Williamsville, July 29, 1838; d. at Brockwayville, Pa., December 25, 1918.

MARY ANN BROWN, b. near Williamsville, Pa., November 11, 1840; d. at Cicero, N. Y., July 10, 1897.

EUNICE ANGELINE BROWN, b. at Rasselas, Pa., May 3, 1843, lives at York, Nebraska.

ISAAC BROWNELL BROWN, b. at Rasselas, Pa., February 20, 1848, lives at Corry, Pa.

JEFFERSON LUTHER BROWN, son of Rasselas Wilcox Brown and Mary Potter Brownell Brown, and grandson of Isaac Brown, Jr., and Polly Wilcox Brown, and great-grandson of Isaac William Brown and Esther Barrington Brown, was born at Fort Brewerton, N. Y., June 25, 1834, and died at Wilcox, Pa., December 12, 1897. He was married at Cicero, Onondagua County, N. Y., November 5, 1855, to Helen Amanda, daughter of Noah Merriam and Mary Ann Brown Merriam, the said Mary Ann Merriam being the sister of his father, Rasselas Wilcox Brown.

Brother Jefferson did not have the advantages of a collegiate education, and yet he was a most remarkable student all his life and thus accumulated a knowledge of commerce, literature and science, which made it possible for him to win victories in the battle of life. His successes and victories are worthy of the highest commendations.

In his early boyhood days he developed a passion for invention. On a little stream on his father's farm, he built a miniature mill and in his days of manhood at the very same location, he constructed a monster lumber mill, under the firm name of the Rasselas Lumber Company, at which mill the primeval forest of that locality was transformed into lumber. He certainly carved for himself a fortune, not so much in gold as in the high estimation in which he was held, for his generosity, his hospitality, his kindness and unswerving integrity.

He was a surveyor and engineer and had a world of knowledge of the surveys of Pennsylvania. He was a successful merchant and banker, and the bank he organized still exists and bears his name as The J. L. Brown Banking Company.

Patriotism and loyalty characterized his life and in him had a strong devotee. The people of Elk County sent him to the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which position he held for four years, during which period he had as one of his colleagues, his brother Isaac, as one of the Representatives from the County of Erie.

Jefferson Luther Brown responded to the call of the Republic and served as a soldier in the Civil War, as did also his brother-

ers, Wallace and Isaac, and his brothers-in-law, George R. Allen and William E. Hewitt.

An incident occurred just after the Confederate banner was furled at Appomattox, which was of interest to Jefferson, Isaac and their brother-in-law, George R. Allen. It was at Burkesville, Virginia, and two or three days after the Confederate surrender and but a short time prior to the assassination of President Lincoln. Jefferson and George were serving in the Fifth Army Corps, and Isaac in the Ninth Army Corps, both in the Army of the Potomac. In the last campaign there had been severe fighting and heavy losses and it followed that there was much anxiety to secure tidings from each other, fearing that in the havoc of battles, a brother's name would appear in the casualties.

In some streak of fortune, in a little clump of Southern Pines, these three soldiers were brought together unexpectedly. Then and there was a greeting, a rejoicing, a feeling of thankfulness and gratitude, accentuated by no little emotion. Then assurance was strong that they were to return to their homes and friends and live their lives under a reunited country. In after years, Jefferson could never refer to this incident without exhibiting a tender feeling of gratitude and emotion.

There were many features in the home life of Mr. and Mrs. Brown that were wonderful and are kindly remembered by their kindred, for it was a home of limitless hospitality. Bountiful and delicious was their table, and comfort characterized every feature of that splendid abode. Jefferson provided copiously and his devoted wife, Amanda, gave efficacy to his bounty. Their home was ideal.

Amanda's brothers were both severely wounded in the Civil War, Isaac at Cold Harbor, and Thomas at Lookout Mountain, and their loyal sister dressed the wounds of both these heroes of the Republic.

No language can be assembled in such a way as to overdraw the kindness and hospitality of the home of Jefferson Luther Brown and Helen Amanda Merriam Brown.

In the National Guard of Pennsylvania, Jefferson attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel on the Staff of General Thomas L. Kane.

THEIR CHILDREN :

LURA MERRIAM BROWN, b. April 1, 1857; d. November 19, 1921.

EMMA GILLIS BROWN, b. September 10, 1860.

FRANK RASSELAS BROWN, b. April 5, 1867; d. March 25, 1915.

LURA MERRIAM BROWN, daughter of Jefferson Luther Brown and Helen Amanda Merriam Brown, was born at Rasselas, Elk County, Pennsylvania, April 1, 1857, and was married to Emmet G. Latta, at Wilcox, Pennsylvania, August 27, 1879, their address and residence being Syracuse, New York. Mr. Latta was born at Friendship, New York, May 28, 1849, and comes of a long line of Lattas distinguished as soldiers, serving in all the Colonial wars and the wars in which this country has been engaged since the establishment of American Independence. He himself was a soldier in the Civil War, having enlisted in Co. I, Nineteenth Regiment, New York Cavalry. He also served a term of enlistment in the regular army after the close of the Civil War in the Fourth U. S. Infantry.

Lura Merriam Brown was the first grandchild of Rasselas Wilcox and Mary Potter Brownell Brown, and was very much admired by all the Brown Family. Admiration for her never has grown less, for she was not only a dear, good girl, but has been an ideal wife and a devoted mother. She has the distinction of having a father, a husband and a son who were soldiers. She was a musician and a graduate of the Baxter Musical Institute. She died November 19, 1921.

MR. AND MRS. LATTA HAD THREE CHILDREN, AS FOLLOWS :

DR. JEFFERSON BROWN LATTA, b. July 30, 1880, who is a prominent physician of the City of Syracuse, N. Y., being a graduate of Columbia College. He served in the 202d New York Volunteers in Cuba in the Spanish-American War and went into the World War as Captain in the United States Army. For distinguished services rendered, he was promoted to Major, and after the war was mustered out of the service with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He was married to Elizabeth Frances Wilson, April 28, 1909.

FRANK RAYMOND LATTI, b. at Friendship, New York, May 15, 1888, and now resides at Syracuse and is superintendent of Transportation of New York State Electric Railways. He was married at Cleveland, Ohio, to Rhoda Lavina Stanley, and they have children: Jean Stanley, b. May 14, 1914; Frances Brown, b. September 10, 1915; Margaret Laura, b. May 1, 1918.

HUBERT ISAAC LATTI, b. March 17, 1893, at Friendship, New York; m. at Glen Haven, New York, October 15, 1913, to Madaline M. Morris, and they have children: Lura Virginia, b. July 15, 1914, and Lorraine Ida, b. April 1, 1918.

EMMA GILLIS BROWN, daughter of Jefferson Luther Brown and Helen Amanda Merriam Brown, was born at Rasselas, Elk County, Pa., September 10, 1860, and was married at Wilcox, Pa., June 27, 1889, to Daniel Condon, who was born at Philadelphia, Pa., March 27, 1857. They reside in Syracuse, Mr. Condon being employed as an auditor and accountant. Emma Gillis Brown is a graduate of Bucknell College.

THEIR CHILDREN ARE AS FOLLOWS:

HELEN MERRIAM, b. at Wilcox, Pa., October 6, 1890; m. at Syracuse, December 25, 1917, to John F. Derr, Jr. Helen Merriam is a graduate of the University of Syracuse, and both she and her husband are missionaries at Akola Berar, India, at which place their daughter, Catharine Condon Derr, was b. February 14, 1921.

CATHERINE ESTELLE, b. June 30, 1892, at Wilcox, Pa., and is a graduate of the University of Syracuse. She has an appointment at that University as Instructor of Designs and Mechanical Drawing in the Teachers' College of that University.

Mr. and Mrs. Condon have their reward for all their efforts put forth in the education of their daughters, Helen and Catherine, in that their daughters are most sincere, and diligent. They are attaining success in their chosen lines and are doing good that humanity may be the better for their advent into the world.

FRANK RASSELAS BROWN, son of Jefferson Luther Brown and Helen Amanda Brown, was born at Wilcox, Pa., April 5, 1867, and died at Buffalo, N. Y., March 25, 1915. He married at Wilcox, Pa., August 14, 1890, Bertha Clearwater, daughter of Colonel A. A. Clearwater, now deceased. Frank Rasselas Brown was a graduate of the Pennsylvania Military College, and after graduation became a member of the faculty of that institution, and for several years filled the

position of Assistant Instructor in Engineering and Military Tactics. At graduation he held the rank of Captain in the National Guard of Pennsylvania. During the Spanish-American War he raised a company of infantry, but failed to get the company mustered on account of the fact that the call for troops was responded to in such large numbers that room could not be found for Captain Brown's company.

He succeeded his father in many business enterprises and also became President of The J. L. Brown Banking Company, of Wilcox, Pa. He was a Civil Engineer, Lumberman, and Manufacturer. He was sturdy and superb in his appearance, and few men are loved, trusted and admired more than Captain Frank Rasselas Brown was, by his neighbors. Just in his prime, the keen sickle of death severed the life thread and thus the world was deprived of a kind and generous character. Mrs. Brown resides in Philadelphia.

THEIR DAUGHTER:

HELEN ELIZABETH, b. September 7, 1895; m. December 27, 1920, to Elwood Tilton Dunlap.

THEIR CHILD.

JEAN BROWN, b. at Philadelphia, October 9, 1921.

WILLIAM WALLACE BROWN, son of Rasselas Wilcox Brown and Mary Potter Brownell Brown; grandson of Isaac Brown, Jr., and Polly Wilcox Brown; great-grandson of Isaac William Brown and Esther Barrington Brown.

William Wallace Brown was born at Summer Hill, Cayuga County, New York, April 22, 1836, and now resides at Bradford, Pa., having passed the eighty-fifth milestone in the journey of his life. He is in fair health for one who has advanced so far in the Octogenarian stage of life. From his boyhood he has been a great student and every day, even at this time of life, he accumulates additional knowledge. He is a great reader and peruses the daily papers and studies closely the proceedings of Congress. Thus he keeps in close touch with the affairs of our country and the important occurrences of the great world.

Mr. Brown takes as much interest in the affairs of the American Republic and matters pertaining to religious discussions,

the social and general welfare of the human race, as he would were he to have the longevity of his existence extended for hundreds of years. Every thought in relation to our government is predicated upon loyalty, patriotism and devotion to the Republic and American institutions. To him the "Stars and Stripes" is an emblem of glory and an inspiration for good and devoted citizenship.

From the first he opposed the International League in so far as its schemes encroached upon the fundamental law or in any way lessened the *Independence of these United States*.

After his common school instruction he attended the Smethport Academy, and later entered Alfred University, where he was a senior in the class of 1861, when the Great Rebellion threatened the life of the American Nation. With other students he responded to the call of President Lincoln, and at Elmira, N. Y., became a member of the Twenty-Third Regiment, New York Volunteers, known as the "Southern Tier Riflemen." At "commencement" however, he was at his Alma Mater in the uniform of a volunteer soldier to take his degree, after which he returned to the field of action. Having served about one year in the Twenty-Third, he was transferred to the famous Pennsylvania regiment, called the "Bucktails," through the efforts of General Thomas L. Kane.

While he was in the United States service, he was sent home on recruiting service, and while home he was married on the 18th of March, 1862, to Ellen Crandall, of Independence, Allegany County, N. Y. She was born April 29, 1840, and died at Bradford, Pa., September 5, 1920. She was also a graduate of Alfred University and was a most true and devoted lady and was a blessing to her husband all her married life. Certainly they were ideal in their home relations. While she was greatly afflicted during her last years, yet she never murmured, and was truly an "Annie Laurie" to Wallace, for he often said, "She's all the world to me."

In 1873, 1875 and 1876, Mr. Brown was a member of the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania. He was also a member of Congress from Pennsylvania in the Forty-Eighth and Forty-Ninth Congresses, during which time his brothers Jefferson and Isaac were members of the Pennsylvania Leg-

islature. Wallace served on the staff of General Hartranft when that distinguished soldier was Governor of Pennsylvania, and was given the rank of Colonel. He was appointed by President McKinley as auditor for the War Department, and subsequently transferred to the position of auditor for the Navy Department. Subsequently, under appointment by President Roosevelt, was made Assistant Attorney General of the United States, in the settlement of the Cuban claims arising from the Spanish-American War.

Mr. Brown is a faithful Baptist, following in the footsteps of his honored father, and in this he never falters, always constant; while in the Sunday School his efforts have been potent and results have been most successful. As an active member of the Grand Army of the Republic he has filled many important positions, and at one time was Judge Advocate General on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, the distinguished General Deven.

Mr. Brown was a lawyer by profession, and while he has retired from active practice, his name is still at the head of the law firm of Brown, Schoonmaker & Nash, at Bradford, Pennsylvania, where he has his residence.

THEIR DAUGHTER:

JESSIE LINCOLN BROWN, b. at Independence, New York, August 20, 1864.

JESSIE LINCOLN BROWN married Frederick Palen Schoonmaker, at Bradford, Pennsylvania, June 23, 1892, at which place they lived nearly all their married life. Mr. Schoonmaker graduated from Cornell, with the Class of 1891. Alfred University conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Laws. He is a successful lawyer and is now and has been for many years, City Solicitor for the City of Bradford. He has been an officer in the National Guard of Pennsylvania. He commanded a company in the Mexican border campaign and went overseas in the World War as a Staff Officer, promoted for meritorious services to the rank of Major. He is now Lieutenant Colonel of the 112th Regiment in the re-organized National Guard.

Mrs. Jessie Lincoln Brown Schoonmaker graduated from Alfred University with the Class of 1888 with the degree of

Bachelor of Music. She took great interest in educational matters and was also a great reader. She was an admirer of a soldier, especially of the typical American soldier, and accompanied her husband during much of his service in camp.

She was most devoted to her home and was always companionable with her father and mother, with whom she had a home all her life. She died at Bradford, Pennsylvania, May 3, 1921. Her interment, with that of her mother, was at the Alfred Cemetery, near the location of Alfred University.

THEIR CHILDREN:

SUSIE RAY, b. December 31, 1894; m. at Bradford, Pennsylvania, to Walter Blaisdell, of Bradford, and they have children: Jack Blaisdell, b. August 26, 1914; Nancy Ellen Blaisdell, b. February 20, 1916; d. August 26, 1919; Barbara Ann Blaisdell, b. September 4, 1920; d. December 4, 1920.

FAY LILLIAN, b. in 1901, at Bradford, Pennsylvania, now a student at the University of Syracuse.

MAX VAN SCHOONMAKER, b. September 1, 1902, at Bradford, Pennsylvania, now a student at Cornell College.

OLIVE JANE BROWN, daughter of Rasselas Wilcox Brown and Mary Potter Brownell Brown, was born at Williamsville, in the County of McKean (then Jefferson County), Pennsylvania, July 29, 1838, and died at Brockwayville, Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, December 25, 1918. She was married at Rasselas, Pennsylvania, March 19, 1863, to Silas W. Moyer, born at Little Toby, Elk County, Pennsylvania, and died at Brockwayville, Pennsylvania, March 28, 1920.

For more than fifty years this marriage relation continued, during which this faithful lady and her husband lived at Rasselas, Little Toby, St. Marys, and Brockwayville, the latter place being where both their lives terminated. Mr. Moyer was reared on a farm which to some extent in life led him to be a farmer, though for a short period he was employed in mercantile pursuits.

Olive, when a young girl became a teacher in country schools, and in this occupation, in addition to her home duties, she devoted no little of her time, in married life, until the meridian of life was passed.

Fortune never smiled bountifully on this most precious girl, while misfortune at times laid its cruel hand on her career. In her young girlhood she sustained an injury, resulting in ill health for years, finally producing a lameness of a severe character, lasting through the remainder of her life, which serious condition was accentuated by a fall which broke her well limb, and made her almost helpless. The intensity of this sad condition was made more grievous when Matie, her only child, just blooming into young girlhood, died. Notwithstanding these sources of grief and other disappointments, she was extremely ambitious, energetic, and industrious. She was certainly an ideal home builder. No matter what burdens she bore, her home was characterized by tidiness, cleanliness, refinement and order, while her table denoted that there were exquisiteness, delicacy and care, displayed in the preparation of her food.

In her childhood days in Elk County, opportunities for schooling were very limited, but she was sent to school at Ridgway, and for a number of terms was a student at Smethport Academy.

The pleasures of wealth were wanting in her home, but kindness, love, generosity, refinement and religious fervor were all combined in her, and made her rich indeed, in all that prepares one for the future world.

THEIR DAUGHTER:

MARY ANN (called MATIE) MOYER, was b. at Little Toby, Elk County, Pa., November 4, 1870, and d. at Rasselas, Pa., January 4, 1878.

There were no descendants and thus this family came to an end.

MARY ANN BROWN, daughter of Rasselas Wilcox Brown and Mary Potter Brownell Brown, was born near Williamsville, Elk County, Pa. (then Jefferson County), on the 11th day of November, 1840, and died at Cicero, Onondaga County, New York, on the 10th day of July, 1897. She was married at Rasselas, Elk County, Pa., on the 18th day of July, 1858, to George R. Allen, born October 31, 1837, and died at Cicero, N. Y., March 19, 1904.

Mr. Allen came from a family of distinguished educators. One brother, F. A. Allen, back in the "fifties" organized one of the Normal Schools of Pennsylvania, and he and his brother, Charles, were fairly well-known as instructors as far away as California. George R. Allen was also a teacher for some time in Pennsylvania. He engaged to some extent in mercantile business, and for some years before his death was a member of a large canning establishment at Syracuse and Cicero.

Mary Ann taught her first school when but fifteen years of age. She was educated at Ridgway and at Smethport Academy. She excelled in vocal music, and we used to think she was a nightingale singer. With beautiful black eyes and hair, tall and graceful, she was a charming and striking person in her appearance, but withal was most modest and kind. There was a brilliancy and splendor in her ways which contributed to her attractiveness. In these qualities she surpassed any other member of the family.

She was constant in her efforts for good and devoted in her service rendered her church, and was also loved and respected by all who were associated with her. Her husband was a soldier of the Civil War, and she herself gave the full measure of a woman's duty in establishing the supremacy of the Republic over its enemies. She lived and supported the adage, "That we shall never pass this way again, and what we do must be done now." This is a great, wide, beautiful and wonderful world, but how much would be contributed to its beauty if all possessed the high ideals of this Mary Ann Brown.

THEIR CHILDREN:

BESSIE JULIA ALLEN, b. at Rasselas, September 28, 1859.

CHAUNCEY LOOMIS ALLEN, b. at Syracuse, January 16, 1870.

WALLACE BROWN ALLEN, b. at Syracuse, October 25, 1874.

BESSIE JULIA ALLEN graduated from Syracuse University in the Class of 1881, with the degree of Bachelor of Painting. She was married on June 24, 1885, to John Rapelje, who was born September 18, 1856, at East Fishkill, New York. He was graduated from the Stephens Polytechnic Institute in the Class of 1877, with the degree of Me-

chanical Engineer. Their son, John Rapelje, was born April 1, 1889, and graduated from Bordentown Military Institute and from the University of Syracuse, in the Class of 1911, with the degree of Mechanical Engineer. He was a First Lieutenant in Battery C, Fifty-Eighth Heavy Artillery, and saw service in the Metz Sector, in the World War. John Rapelje, Jr., married Phyllis Esther Crabbe, June 18, 1913, and they have a daughter, Ann Vann Braemer Rapelje, born at New York City, November 6, 1920.

Bessie Julia Allen died at Alderson, West Virginia, October 27, 1896. She was most ardently loved by her relatives and all who knew her. Her life was an embodiment of love, purity and sweetness.

CHAUNCEY LOOMIS ALLEN, brother of the preceding, was wonderfully proficient in his profession, and few, if any men were better known in the development of electric railways, than Chauncey Loomis Allen. On several occasions he has been President of the National Association of the Electric Railways. He was in 1909, President of the Transportation and Traffic Association. Alfred University conferred the degree of Master of Science on him in 1905, and the degree of Doctor of Science was conferred on him in 1916, by the same institution. The University of Syracuse in the same year, also conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Science. At the request of Howard E. Coffin, Chairman of the Air Craft Production Board, later called the Air Craft Board, he gave up his engineering and management practice and became one of Mr. Coffin's assistants on September 18, 1917, and was employed as "One of the Dollar a Year" men by the Council for National Defense, until November 17, 1917. From this date to January 10, 1918, he was Director of the War Board of the American Electric Railway Association at Washington. He now resides at Stamford, Connecticut.

Mr. Allen was married to Florence Rose Worster, October 11, 1890. She was born April 27, 1870, and graduated at the University of Syracuse in the Class of 1891 with the degree of Bachelor of Painting. They have two children, Alfred George Allen, born December 4, 1897, graduated from

Phillips-Exeter Academy in 1916, then attended the Sheffield Scientific School at Yale College for two years. He is now in the employment of the Cleveland Railway Company, at Cleveland, Ohio; Mary Brown Allen, born at Syracuse, April 11, 1909, and now at home with her parents.

WALLACE BROWN ALLEN. He is a brother of the preceding and has been for many years an employee of the Treasury Department of the United States at Washington, D. C.

Like his loved mother, he is fond of music, and devotes no little of his spare time in the study of the "Classical Music." He was born at Syracuse, New York, October 25, 1874, and was married June 1, 1905, to Florence Redway, with whom he lived most happily until her death which occurred December 3, 1910.

EUNICE ANGELINE BROWN, daughter of Rasselas Wilcox Brown and Mary Potter Brownell Brown; great-granddaughter of Isaac William Brown and Esther Barrington Brown. She was born at Rasselas, Pa., May 3, 1843, and now lives with the family of Reverend E. E. Emhoff, her son-in-law, at York, Nebraska. She was married at Rasselas, Pa., December 24, 1865, to William E. Hewitt, then serving in the United States Army as a soldier of the Civil War. Mr. Hewitt was born at Little Toby, Pa., on January 29, 1841, and died at Brockwayville, Pa., January 13, 1899. He served in the Union Army during the Civil War, having enlisted October 18, 1861, in Co. F, 58th Regt., Pennsylvania Volunteers, with which regiment he continued to serve until that organization was finally mustered out of the service on the 24th of January, 1866.

The courtship of Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt was somewhat novel; during that great war, young ladies would correspond with soldiers with whom they had no acquaintance. Such correspondence in time of war being justified in the hope thereby encouragement might be given the soldiers who were struggling for victory on fields of conflict. It was not necessary to do this in order that the soldier's arm might be nerved and all fear banished, for these Union soldiers were well nerved up to the proper pitch and their valor needed no promptings. Often this correspondence resulted in engage-

ments of marriage, and so it was with sister Eunice and Mr. Hewitt.

Mr. Hewitt was for years engaged in farming, and then followed mercantile pursuits at Brockwayville, Pa. The prominent features of the life of Mr. Hewitt were his long service in the army, his uniform kindness, his generosity, his affability, and his affectionate and sympathetic nature. His interment was in the cemetery near his old home at Little Toby, Pa.

Sister Eunice derived her education in the district schools, and at academies and for a year or two in the public schools of the City of Syracuse. Like both of her sisters, she was a teacher. Ardently and constantly did she love her husband and her children, for whom she would make any sacrifice. While I was nearly five years younger than this sister, yet in the woods of Elk County, Pa., she had no other playmate during most of her childhood.

The imperiled country, the welfare of the soldiers, the old flag, loyalty and patriotism, each had a friend in this sister. With all she was a devoted member of the Methodist Church, with which she has held membership during most of her life.

THEIR CHILDREN:

ELLA MARIE, b. at Little Toby, Pa., December 4, 1870; d. May 16, 1921.

GRACE CATHERINE, b. at Little Toby, Pa., March 21, 1883; d. at Brockwayville, Pa., August 31, 1893.

ELLA MARIE HEWITT, daughter of Eunice Angeline Brown Hewitt and William E. Hewitt, married first October 3, 1894, to John Allen, of Wilcox, Pa., who died at Los Angeles, California, January 19, 1895. She married the second time at Brockwayville, Pa., December 28, 1898, the Reverend E. E. Emhoff, who had a daughter Ruth, by a former wife, deceased. Ruth is a graduate of Macalister College and was married to Lieutenant Gerald C. Dale, February 7, 1920, who was a soldier in the World War.

Mr. Emhoff is now pastor of the Presbyterian Church at York, Nebraska, and during the World War was in France in the service of the Y. M. C. A.

By the second marriage there was born to Mr. and Mrs. Emhoff a daughter, Miriam, born at Des Moines, Iowa, De-

ember 2, 1900, a graduate of York, Nebraska, High School, and now a student at Macalister College.

By her first marriage, Mrs. Emhoff had a son, John Jefferson Allen, born at Brockwayville, Pa., June 25, 1895, and died at York, Pa., September 5, 1910. He was a most promising boy and was in a preparatory school for admission to college. Mr. Emhoff is a successful minister of the Gospel, and has made for the betterment of humanity in all his career. Supporting him most loyally, his faithful wife is deserving of high commendation. Her life work is at an end, as she died at York, Nebraska, May 16, 1921. Her interment was at the cemetery at or near Little Toby, Pa., where rest the forms of her father and son, and others of her kindred.

ISAAC BROWNELL BROWN, son of Rasselas Wilcox Brown and Mary Potter Brownell Brown, and grandson of Isaac Brown, Jr., and Polly Wilcox Brown, and great-grandson of Isaac William Brown and Esther Barrington Brown, was born at Rasselas, Pennsylvania, February 20, 1848, and now resides at Corry, Pennsylvania. He was married at Ridgway, Pennsylvania, June 25, 1870, to Hannah Partington, born in England, April 5, 1849, daughter of Richard Partington and his wife, Mary Radcliffe Partington. Educated in the common schools, Smethport Academy and at Alfred University, where he was graduated with the Class of 1869, which University conferred upon him the degree of LL.D. in 1900. Mrs. Brown was also a student at Alfred University, and in 1899 this University conferred on her the degree of Magistram Litterarum.

After graduation, Mr. Brown taught school and read law, and was admitted to the bar in the Courts of Erie County in 1876. For six years he was a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature, and for more than a quarter of a century was in political life, during which time he was Deputy Secretary of Internal Affairs, Secretary of Internal Affairs, Superintendent of Bureau of Railways, member of the Board of Pardons, President of the Pennsylvania Medical Council, President of the Board of Property, Commissioner from Pennsylvania to the World's Exposition at St. Louis, one of the Commissioners of Forestry of Pennsylvania, President of

the National Convention of Interstate and State Railroad Commissioners, and many other offices of less importance.

When sixteen years old he enlisted in Co. C, 211th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, in the Civil War, and was in the engagements at Bermuda Hundred, Virginia, in the Weldon Raid, Hatchers Run, the recapture of Fort Stedman, the assault on Fort Mahone, and in the Siege of Petersburg, Virginia. For many years he has been President of the Survivors' Association of the Third Division, Ninth Corps, Army of the Potomac, and delivered the oration at the unveiling of the Division Statue on the Battlefield of Petersburg, Virginia. He was an officer in the National Guard of Pennsylvania, and now on the retired list with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

THEIR CHILDREN:

LILLIAN BROWN, b. at Rasselas, Pa., April 16, 1871; d. Sept. 28, 1891.

SARA MARY BROWN, b. at Corry, Pa., November 24, 1881.

RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN, b. at Harrisburg, Pa., December 13, 1887.

LILLIAN BROWN, daughter of Isaac Brownell Brown and Hannah Partington Brown, was born at Rasselas, Pa., April 16, 1871, and died at Harrisburg, Pa., September 28, 1891. Her interment was in Pinegrove Cemetery, Corry, Pa., and some twenty years after her death her body was removed to the family mausoleum in the same cemetery.

The evening before she departed this life, she saw me take up the Bible, and asked me to read in the room where she was. I then thought it would be my last reading to her and I knew not how to make the selection. I opened the Bible and found I was at the fifth chapter of Matthew, and from this read to her the Beatitudes. When I had reached "*Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God,*" I felt an assurance that Lillian in her life had fully met this promise and that she was an embodiment of purity. In this and other ways, the life of Lillian Brown was a benediction. She left us thirty years ago, but in a measure she still lives, for in Emmanuel Episcopal Church, at Corry, is a society, *The Lillian Guild*, named in her memory, that has become renowned for charitable and all Christian deeds performed

and for loyal support to the Church in which she was baptized. Lillian was a graduate of the Harrisburg High School with the Class of 1891.

SARA MARY BROWN, second daughter of Isaac Brownell Brown and Hannah Partington Brown, was born at Corry, Pa., Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 1881. She graduated at Wellesley College with the Class of 1902, being the youngest in her class.

She was married to Harold Arthur Gilbert, at Corry, Pa., October 25, 1905. During all the campaigns in support of the nation during the World War, Mrs. Gilbert was in the front line of every activity, and to a very large extent led in every patriotic move among women's clubs and societies at her home to strengthen a spirit of patriotism and to encourage the sturdy American soldiers in the service of our country. On the platform as an eloquent speaker, her influence was highly efficacious. These activities are more worthy of commendation in that her husband was in the service during her devoted and patriotic efforts for the success of American arms.

Mrs. Gilbert is a leading member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and she, her husband and daughter are members of the Episcopal Church. Her residence is 1054 West Fourth Street, Williamsport, Pa.

Mr. Gilbert was born in the State of Minnesota, February 1, 1880. He is a graduate of the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University as a member of the Class of 1901. He is a Mechanical Engineer of long and successful service. At the time America entered the World War, Mr. Gilbert left a lucrative position and tendered his services to the President. Immediately his services were accepted and he was commissioned as Captain in the Quartermaster's Department of the United States Army, and assigned to duty as Assistant Quartermaster of Construction at Camp Dix; subsequently assigned to the construction of General Hospital No. 1, in New York City; thence to Camp Taylor, Louisville, Kentucky, and then placed in charge of the construction of the large United States Sulphuric Acid Plant at Mount Union, Pa., where he was on duty at the close of the war. Captain

Gilbert was made Major Gilbert soon after entering the service, and as such was discharged in the month of May, 1919. Mr. Gilbert is General Manager of the Pennsylvania Collapsible Tube Company, at Williamsport, Pa.

THEIR CHILDREN :

ELIZABETH GILBERT, b. at Williamsport, Pa., August 9, 1908. She graduated from Williamsport Grammar School on the 3d of June, 1920, and at the same time was admitted to the Harrisburg High School. During the World War, though a young girl, she was most active in patriotic work as a member of the Girl Scouts. In the selling of Liberty Bonds and in other efforts she was very successful and was highly commended by the public press.

WALLACE BROWN GILBERT, b. April 23, 1911, at Williamsport, Pa., and d. at the same place, July 22, 1911. His body was placed in the family mausoleum at Corry, Pa.

RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN, THE SECOND, is the son of Isaac Brownell Brown and Hannah Partington Brown; grandson of Rasselas Wilcox Brown and Mary Potter Brownell Brown; great-grandson of Isaac Brown, Jr., and Polly Wilcox Brown, and great-great-grandson of Isaac William Brown and Esther Barrington Brown.

He was born at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in the house at the southeast corner of Capital and Briggs Streets, on the 13th day of December, 1887, and was named for his grandfather, Rasselas Wilcox Brown, and in these records is usually designated as Rasselas Wilcox Brown, The Second.

From Harrisburg High School, he entered Bordentown Military Institute, from which he graduated with the Class of 1905. He then took a postgraduate course in that institution, which he completed in 1906, at which time he was Senior Captain of the Corps of Cadets. At that time he was also President of the *Kappa Nu* Fraternity; President of the Y. M. C. A.; Athletic Director, and member of the Football Team. He was commissioned Captain in the National Guard of New Jersey.

He then entered Lafayette College, but in his second year transferred to the Law Department of Yale University, but finding his trend was for mechanics, he abandoned the study of law and entered the employment of E. Keelor Company of Williamsport, Pa., and subsequently became employed by



Elizabeth Gilbert, daughter of Sara Mary (Brown) Gilbert and Harold Arthur Gilbert; granddaughter of Isaac Brownell Brown and Hannah Partington Brown; great-granddaughter of Rasselas Wilcox Brown, the First, and Mary Potter Brownell; great, great-granddaughter of Isaac Brown, Jr. and Polly Wilcox Brown; great, great, great-granddaughter of Isaac William Brown and Esther Barrington Brown.

the Corry Water Supply Company, of which company he is General Manager and part owner, having filled nearly all the grades of employment in the construction, maintenance and operation of that plant.

On the 24th of April, 1913, he became Captain of Co. A, Sixteenth Regiment of Infantry, National Guard of Pennsylvania, which he commanded in the Mexican border campaign in the year 1916, being in the United States service for about seven months.

On July 15, 1917, he was again called into the service by orders of the President in the World War. He took his old company to Camp Hancock, Augusta, in the State of Georgia, where it became Co. A, 112th United States Infantry. Soon after his arrival at Augusta, he was transferred from his old company, to the command of Co. L, of the same regiment, and in January, 1918, he was placed in command of the Third Battalion.

Just before the Pennsylvania Division left for France, he, with other officers of the division, was sent ahead to attend the Army School of the Line at Langres, France, after which he was returned to his regiment at the front near Chateau Thierry. He was immediately placed in command of a detachment and sent to support some French Infantry along the Marne River, where this detachment was engaged for some time under his command.

After his return with his detachment to his regiment, he then took command of the Third Battalion, where he remained until July 31st, being evacuated to Base Hospital, No. 3, as a result of a shell explosion, July 23, 1918. He remained in this hospital under treatment for some time, and was then examined and found unable to serve with infantry and was assigned to duty with the *Third British Army* (General Bing's Command) for the study of British Artillery, which was to be taken over for use in the American Army.

He remained with this British Command until hostilities ceased, and was then returned to the hospital. Later he was returned to America for treatment in the Walter Reed Hospital in Washington. After recuperating in some degree he

was transferred and assigned to the Forty-Second United States Infantry, a Regular Army Regiment, then stationed on Long Island.

In this command he remained until the time of his resignation and he was finally mustered out of the service with honorable discharge.

After his call into the United States service, while his regiment was encamped at Augusta, prior to going overseas, he married Miss Bonnell Jourdet, daughter of Burton Milton Jourdet and Margaret Pifer Jourdet, December 8, 1917. She was a sister of First Lieutenant Clifford Jourdet, of the old company, who served in France.

Mrs. Bonnell Jourdet Brown was born at Brockwayville, Pa., March 27, 1897. Her education was in the public schools at Corry and Dubois, Pa., and at Madam Baldwin School of Music in New York City.

Captain Brown is now back in the National Guard of the United States and of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as Captain of the same old organization.

He is a member of the *Delta Upsilon* Fraternity and the Sons of the American Revolution, as a descendant of four Revolutionary soldiers.

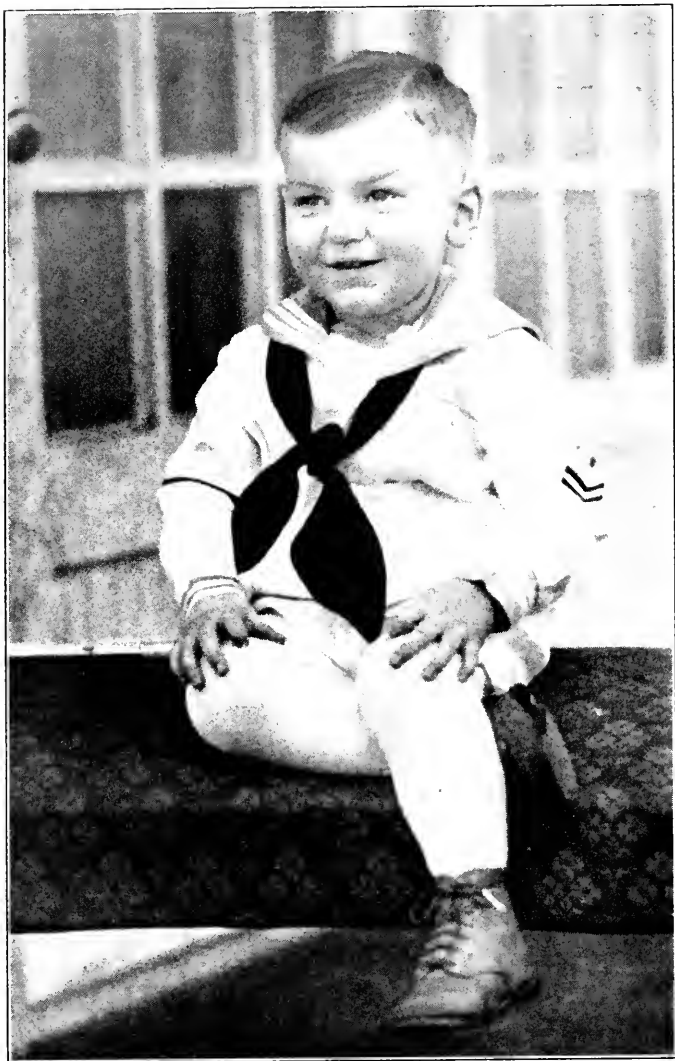
NOTE.—The same company organization which Captain Brown now commands was commanded by his father forty-seven years ago.

THEIR SON:

RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN, THE THIRD, was b. in Wayne Township, in the County of Erie, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, May 16, 1920. He was named for his father, Rasselas Wilcox Brown, The Second, who was named for his grandfather, Rasselas Wilcox Brown, The First.

Rasselas, The Third, is the center of much love and interest, not only because he is a very promising boy, but is looked upon as one who may perpetuate the Rasselas Wilcox Brown name, a name very much adored by all our Brown Family, because of the sterling worth of Rasselas, The First.

Many years of delay have intervened since the compilation of this book was commenced, but this delay has a valued



Rasselas Wilcox Brown, the Third, son of Rasselas Wilcox Brown, the Second, and Bonnie Jourdet Brown; grandson of Isaac Brownell Brown and Hannah Partington Brown; great-grandson of Rasselas Wilcox Brown, the First, and Mary Potter Brownell Brown; great, great-grandson of Isaac Brown, Jr. and Polly Wilcox Brown; great, great, great-grandson of Isaac William Brown and Esther Barrington Brown.

compensation in that there is thus given an opportunity for a record of the advent of this boy, Rasselas Wilcox Brown, The Third.

The latest arrival, W. Pendleton Brown, son of Rasselas Wilcox Brown, The Second, and Bonnell Jourdet Brown, born April 26, 1922. This boy being named for Colonel Pendleton and his son, Captain Pendleton, both of whom were patriots of the American Revolution, and from both of whom this child, W. Pendleton Brown, is a lineal descendant.

NOTE.—When the family of Isaac Brown, Junior (the father of Rasselas Wilcox Brown, The First), moved from Herkimer County to Cicero, Rasselas, The First, was a very young boy, but he and his younger brother drove the farm cattle through Utica and Syracuse and other towns to a place about one mile north of Cicero. It took quite a number of days to reach destination. The boys cut willow switches to use in driving the cows and other farm stock, and when they reached the Brown Farm, their destination, they soon after, planted these willow switches along the road in front of the farm. From these switches of willow, large trees grew to great size, as willow trees grow very rapidly. I saw these trees in 1863, and they were very large then. Something over fifty-five years after they were planted they were cut down and transformed into boards, some of which were almost three feet in width. From some of these boards, George R. Allen, my brother-in-law, then living at Syracuse, had an extension table made and presented the same to father and mother. This was just before the Golden Wedding which was held in 1882. The two circular end boards of this extension table were each almost three feet in width.

Around this table, in September, 1882, gathered the children, the grandchildren, and one great-grandchild, together with friends, to celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the marriage of Rasselas Wilcox Brown and Mary Potter Brownell. Up to that time death had never used his sickle on any of the family. The Golden Wedding was therefore freed from the sad features of our human existence and joy was then uncontrolled.

After the death of father and mother the extension table was made into smaller pieces of furniture and given to different members of the family.

END OF PART ONE.

Part The Second



Ancestral Lines

of

RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN

AND

MARY POTTER BROWNELL BROWN



ISAAC WILLIAM BROWN.



ISAAC WILLIAM BROWN was born at Stonington, Connecticut, February 4, 1752, and had two brothers, Thomas and John, who also lived at Stonington, and from which place these three brothers enlisted and served in the army organized for the establishment of American Independence in that great Revolutionary War.

Whether there were sister or other brothers belonging to this family has not been ascertained; neither has it been learned the parentage of these three Brown brothers. There were a number of Brown families living at and near Stonington at the time these brothers were born, and as these brothers all left Connecticut about the time of the close of the Revolution, no recent data has been found at Stonington. For many years I have made a quest to find the line of Browns to which these brothers belong, yet while I have built theories, I have not sufficient facts to justify an opinion at this time. I shall continue the search, and if successful, a supplemental statement will be sent to the owners of this publication.

At an old church at North Stonington, Connecticut, on the 30th of March, 1775, Isaac William Brown was married to Esther Barrington, by the Rev. Joseph Fish, who was the minister of said North Stonington Church. In 1919, accompanied by Mrs. Brown, my son Russelas Wilcox Brown, and his wife, Bonnell Jourdet Brown, a visit was made to North Stonington, where we were shown this record of marriage, which was plainly written and well preserved.

While the name of our ancestor in most cases appears as Isaac Brown, it is an absolute certainty that his full name was Isaac William Brown. In a deed given to him in Herkimer, N. Y., his name is given as Isaac W. Brown. In my father's Bible his name appears as Isaac W. Brown. In the application for arrears of pension after his death, he is referred to as Isaac W. Brown. Again, a grandson of his lived at Cortland, N. Y., whom I knew, and he told me his

grandfather's full name was Isaac William Brown, and that he himself was named for this grandfather, and that his own full name was just the same as that of his grandfather.

However, he was generally known as Isaac Brown, and his name so appears on the muster rolls in the army. I have followed his footprints from Stonington to his grave at Homer, New York, and I know that Isaac William Brown and Isaac Brown in this consideration, are one and the same person.

Isaac William Brown died at Homer, Cortland County, New York, on the 28th of January, 1837. In his application for pension it is stated that he left Stonington in 1780 and moved to Hoosac, now Berlin, where he lived about ten years and then moved to Argyle, Washington County, New York, where he remained for about three years; thence he moved to Broadalbin, Montgomery County, New York, where he remained for about five years, and then moved to German Flats, Herkimer County, New York. Then in about 1814 he moved to Brookfield, Madison County, and finally located at Homer, Cortland County, New York, where he died as above stated. It was while living at Brookfield that he executed his application for pension in 1833, when he was 81 years of age. (The heroic soldiers of the Revolution had to wait a long time for their pensions.)

The last few years of his life were spent at the home of his son, Alanson, at Homer. The first interment was in a private cemetery, but his grandson, Isaac William Brown, exhumed the body and reburied the same in his family lot in Glenwood Cemetery, at Homer, Cortland County, New York. A few years ago, brother Wallace and I visited this last resting place of our Revolutionary soldier ancestor.

The date of the death of Esther Barrington Brown has not been ascertained, but it occurred at Brookfield, New York. Isaac William Brown, grandson of this ancestor of the same name, wrote me that his grandfather was a man of fixed habits and was very resolute; to use his own words, he said: "He was very exact in all his habits; he smoked his pipe three times a day; on his Sabbath morning, he would go to his blue chest where he kept a bottle of brandy, take a small

drink, that would last him until the next Sabbath morning; he was a man well posted; he was of fixed purposes and in that line he was a wonder; he was well posted in the affairs of his country and was a great reader; he did not accumulate much property, but sufficient to see him through."

ISAAC WILLIAM BROWN AS A SOLDIER.

My father told me, more than forty years ago, that Isaac William Brown was a soldier and a pensioner. I found much difficulty in tracing him in the army, somewhat due to an error or misunderstanding in the Bureau of Pensions. However, the entire record is now complete and a photographic copy has been secured of his application for pension.

The records show that this, our ancestor, served in Rhode Island, Connecticut, and New York Troops, and that his record is not only creditable, but approaches the heroic.

His application for pension was made on the 4th day of February, 1833, before Judge Elisha Randall, of the County of Madison, State of New York, in which application he declared in part, as follows: That he was 81 years of age and resided at Brookfield, New York; that he enlisted at Stonington in the service of the United States, in the month of January, 1777, for fifteen months, in a regiment commanded by Colonel Joseph Stanton; that Major Barton was the Major of that regiment and that he served in a company of which Thomas Thompson was Captain and Peleg Berry was a Lieutenant. That in this service he was on duty along the coast of Rhode Island, and that he served his full time of said enlistment in the capacity of a Sergeant, the duty in part being the guarding of the coast against the incursions of the British, who then had possession of Rhode Island.

In the month of July, 1777, he was one of the party of Major Barton, in the enterprise to cross the Narragansett Bay and helped to capture the British General Prescott and his aid and carried them to headquarters on the mainland and delivered them to the American Commandant. That he went a number of times on the Newport Island with Major Barton and other officers in reconnoitering parties to gain information of the enemy. That he was discharged at Tieverton, Rhode Island, in April, 1778.

That soon after, in August of the same year, he volunteered at Stonington and marched to Connecticut, and was under the command of Joseph Congden, who had charge of the commissary department, and he was placed in command of a whale boat and was employed in carrying prisoners to the French Fleet and in the transportation of troops from place to place. From this service he was discharged in October, 1778. During this service, General Sullivan and General Green were in command, and Major Barton was also in the service at the same time.

That in July, 1779, he was again called into the United States service, as a private soldier, it being an emergency call, and was in the command of Lieutenant Commandant Ichabod Brown and Colonel Oliver Smith, and marched to New London with orders to move to White Plains, New York, but this order was countermanded and he was discharged.

After moving to Hoosac, in 1780, he was called into service again in the month of September, 1781, in the command of Captain Stephen Niles and Lieutenant James Jones. The brigade to which his command was attached, was commanded by General Schuyler. The command marched from Hosac to Albany and from Albany, to Saratoga Barracks, and he was finally discharged from the service of the United States at Saratoga, in November, 1781.

The application for pension was verified by two of his neighbors of Brookfield, Rev. Eli S. Bailey, a clergyman of Brookfield, and Joseph Clark, of the same place. The judge, Elisha Randall, also certifies as follows: "I further certify that I am a neighbor of the said applicant and that he bears an excellent character for truth and veracity." In addition to these certificates, there is attached the affidavit of Thomas Brown, in which he certifies that he is a brother of the applicant and is knowing to the fact that his said brother served in the commands as claimed, and that he and his brother, Isaac, were in the same regiment at one time.

As the brother, Thomas Brown, has been referred to, it is of interest to indicate his service, which except in one case was in different fields of action from his brother Isaac.

I have also the photographic copy of the application of this Thomas Brown, from which this information is given. In April, 1775, Thomas Brown, brother of Isaac, entered the service of the United States in the month of April, which was cotemporary with the Lexington alarm, and served in the company of Captain James Eldridge and in Colonel Parson's regiment, of which Prentis was Major, this enlistment being at Stonington, Connecticut. After organization at New London, he, with his command marched through Providence, Rhode Island, to Roxbury, Massachusetts, where he became a member of Spencer's Brigade. He was in a skirmish at Roxbury, and in the month of December, 1775, his term of enlistment expired, he was discharged. In the following month, January, 1776, he again enlisted in Captain Babcock's company at Stonington, in Colonel Selden's regiment, Brigadier General Wadsworth's command. With these troops he marched through New Haven, to New York, and was with the army during the evacuation of New York City, where he was taken prisoner, but in a few days escaped from the British and was in the engagement at White Plains and Harlem Heights, and becoming disabled, he was discharged. In the month of January, 1777, at Stonington, Connecticut, he entered the Marine Service on board the Sloop America, commanded by Captain Asa Palmer, Lieutenant Amos Palmer, and Second Lieutenant Amos Slack, such enlistment being for the term of six months. While in this marine service he assisted in taking five prizes: "Letters of Mark Packet" from Liverpool bound to New York, with clothing and ordnance for the British troops; another prize was the "*Elizabeth*," loaded with provisions, etc. He was discharged from the marine service at the expiration of this enlistment, in the month of July, 1777.

In the month of August, 1777, he enlisted for three months under Captain Babcock and Colonel Lattemore, at Stonington, Connecticut, and from New London marched through Hartford to Bennington, Vermont, and Still Water, where he was in an engagement with the enemy. He was also in the action in October of that year previous to the surrender of the British General Burgoyne. Afterwards marching to Albany, where he was discharged in November, 1777. During

his service, he was under the command of Generals Putnam, Schuyler, Sullivan, Arnold, and at New York he was under the command of Washington.

Accompanying his application is a certificate from his brother Isaac, testifying that he knew of the service of his brother, Thomas, and that in one command they were in the same organization.

ISAAC W. BROWN IN THE MAJOR BARTON EXPEDITION AND CAPTURE OF THE BRITISH GENERAL PRESCOTT.

While our ancestor above named was only a noncommissioned officer in the Barton venture for the capture of the British tyrant, Prescott, yet the fact that he was one of those selected to take part in the perilous enterprise, justifies the giving an account in some detail of the selection of the men for the execution of the heroic exploit. It must be remembered that no battle was ever fought, no victory ever won without the help of the enlisted men or private soldiers. His throbbing heart has been in every assault and his cheer has accentuated every victory. Believing that our ancestor did his work in this enterprise and performed his duty as a loyal soldier of the New Republic, there is no apology due from me in giving the details of the capture of General Prescott.

PLAN OF THE EXPEDITION.

In some of the publications, Barton is called Major; in others, Lieutenant Colonel, and still others as Colonel. However this may be, Barton conceived and matured the plan for the capture of Prescott. The following is from the New England Field Book, page 74:

“Early in May the British troops left the houses of the inhabitants (of Newport) and returned to their camp. This was some relief, yet plunder and insolence were rife. General Clinton with nearly half of the invading army, soon afterward left the island for New York, and the command of those who remained to hold possession devolved upon Brigadier General Prescott, infamous in the annals of the war, as one of the meanest of petty tyrants when in power and of dastards when in danger. He had been nurtured in the lap of aristocracy, and taught all its exclusive precepts. Pos-

sessing a narrow mind, utterly untutored by benevolences or charity; a judgment perverse in the extreme; a heart callous to the most touching appeals of sympathy, but tender when avarice half opened its lips to plead, he was a most unfit commander of a military guard over people like those of Rhode Island, who could appreciate courtesy, and who might be more easily conquered by kindness than by the bayonet. He was a tyrant at heart and having the opportunity, he exercised a tyrant's doubtful prerogatives.

"Incensed by the conduct of Prescott, the inhabitants devised several schemes to rid themselves of the oppressor. None promised success, and it was reserved to Lieutenant Colonel Barton, of Providence, to conceive and execute one of the boldest and most hazardous enterprises undertaken during the war. It was accomplished on the night of the 10th of July, 1777. At that time General Prescott was quartered at a house of a Quaker named Overing, about five miles above Newport, on the west road leading to the ferry at the north part of the island. Barton's plan was to cross Narragansett Bay from the mainland, seize Prescott and carry him to the American camp. It was a very hazardous undertaking, for at that time there were three British frigates with their guard boats, lying east of Prudence Island, and almost in front of Prescott's quarters."

THE SELECTION OF THE MEN FOR THE EXPEDITION.

When Barton had matured his plan it was revealed to Colonel Stanton, the regimental commandant, with great secrecy. It would seem that the scheme met with the approval of the regimental commander, for orders were given Barton to parade the regiment. As it stood in line, Barton advised the men that a hazardous plan had been arranged and further that if there were any in the command who would volunteer they had then an opportunity to do so. He further advised that he wanted forty men, and impressed upon them that it was to be a hazardous undertaking. Those who were willing to become members of the party were ordered to step to the front, and in answer to this command the whole regiment moved to the front. This defeated the plan of selection, and it was left to Barton to choose the men, which he did, by

taking those who knew most about handling the boats. Isaac W. Brown was thus made one of the party, as from tradition and other sources of information, he was a seafaring person, and was afterwards called Captain.

NAMES OF THE SOLDIERS SELECTED.

Officers: Captain Ebenezer Adams, Lieutenant Andrew Stanton, Lieutenant John Wilcox, Lieutenant Samuel Porter.

Noncommissioned officers and privates: Benjamine Prew, Joshua Babcock, James Potter, Henry Fisher, James Parker, Joseph Guild, Nathan Smith, *Isaac Brown*, Clark Packard, Samuel Cory, James Weaver, Clark Crandall, Sampson George, Joseph Ralph, Jedediah Grenale, Richard Hare, Daniel Wale, Joseph Dennis, Samuel Phillips, Billington Crumb, James Haines, Samuel Apis, Alderman Crank, Oliver Simmons, Jack Sherman, Joel Briggs, William Bruff, Charles Havett, Pardon Cory, Thomas Wilcox, Jeremiah Thomas, John Hunt, Thomas Austin. In addition to these there were with the party, Daniel Page, a Narragansett Indian; Jack Sissons, a boat steerer, and another man, a boat steerer, whose name is given, "Howe or Whiting."

It is not likely that the three last named were members of the regiment, but were selected with reference to steering the boats. The names here given have been furnished me by the Rhode Island Historical Society, and they are the same as given by the New England Pictorial Field Book, so it would seem that they are correct. The list was also given to the public by John B. Barton, of Providence, Rhode Island, a son of our hero, Colonel Barton.

THE EXECUTION OF THE PLAN.

From the Pictorial Field Book of the Revolution, the following is quoted: "With a few chosen men, Colonel Barton embarked in four whale boats, with muffled oars, at Warwick Point, at nine o'clock in the evening, and passed unobserved, over to Rhode Island, between the Islands of Prudence and Patience. They heard the cry, 'All's well,' from the guard boats of the enemy, as they passed silently and unobserved and landed in Coddington's Cove, at the mouth of a small stream which passed by the quarters of Prescott.

"Barton divided his men into several squads, assigning to each its duty and station, and then, with the strictest order and profound silence, they advanced towards the house.

"The main portion of the expedition passed about midway between the British guardhouse and the encampment of a company of light horse, while the remainder, was to make a circuitous route to approach Prescott's quarters from the rear, and secure the doors.

"As Barton and his men approached the gate, a sentinel hailed them twice, and then demanded the countersign. 'We have no countersign to give,' Barton said, and quickly added, 'Have you seen any deserters here to-night?' The sentinel was misled by this question, supposing them to be friends, and was not undeceived until his musket was seized, and himself bound and menaced with instant death if he made any noise.

"The doors had been secured by the division from the rear, and Barton entered the front passage boldly. Mr. Overton sat alone, reading, the rest of the family being in bed. Barton inquired for General Prescott's room. Overton pointed upward, signifying that it was directly over the room in which they were standing. With four strong men and Sisson, a powerful negro, who accompanied them, Barton ascended the stairs and gently tried the door. It was locked; no time was to be lost in parleying; the negro drew back a couple of paces, and using his head for a battering-ram, burst open the door at the first effort.

"The General, supposing the intruders to be robbers, sprang from his bed and seized his gold watch, that was hanging upon the wall. Barton placed his hand gently upon the General's shoulder, told him he was his prisoner, and that perfect silence was now his only safety.

"Prescott begged time to dress, but it being a hot July night, and time precious, Barton refused acquiescence, feeling that it would not be cruel to take him across the bay, where he could make his toilet with more care, at his leisure. So, throwing his cloak around him, and placing him between two armed men, the prisoner was hurried to the shore.

"In the meantime, Major Barrington, Prescott's aid, hearing the noise in the General's room, leaped from the window to escape, but was captured. He and the sentinel were stationed in the center of the party.

"At about midnight, captors and prisoners landed at Warwick Point, where General Prescott first broke the silence by saying to Colonel Barton: 'Sir, you have made a bold push to-night.' 'We have been fortunate,' coolly replied Barton.

"Captain Elliot was there with a coach to convey the prisoner to Providence, where they arrived at sunrise. Prescott was kindly treated by General Spencer, and other officers, and in the course of a few days, was sent to the headquarters of Washington at New Windsor, on the Hudson.

"Prescott was exchanged for General Charles Lee in April following, and soon afterwards resumed his command of the British troops on Rhode Island. This was the same Prescott who treated Colonel Ethan Allen so cruelly when that officer was taken prisoner near Montreal in the Autumn of 1775. "On account of the bravery displayed and the importance of the service in this expedition, Congress, having a just sense of the gallant behavior of Lieutenant Colonel Barton, and the brave officers and men of his party, who distinguished their valor and address in making prisoner of Major General Prescott of the British Army, and Major William Barrington, his aid-de-camp, voted Barton an elegant sword, and on the 24th of December following, he was promoted to the rank and pay of Colonel in the Continental Army.

"In addition to this recognition for the heroic service, the State of Rhode Island appropriated a sum of money for the officers and men of the Barton Expedition, whose valor had added so much brilliancy to American arms in the War of the American Revolution.

"In 1778 Barton was badly wounded and rendered unfit for further active duty. He then located in Vermont, but while he was a good soldier he became involved financially and was imprisoned for debt. When that great friend of American Independence, General Lafayette, made his last visit to America, in 1825, he learned of the misfortunes which had overtaken his fellow officer, Colonel Barton, and he person-

ally paid the debt owing by Barton, and thus Barton was restored to liberty. Barton died at Providence, Rhode Island, in 1831, at the age of 84 years. It is not known what descendants this gallant American soldier may have now living, but it is a fact that in this year 1920, his great-great-grandson, living in Providence, Rhode Island, has become a member of *The Sons of the American Revolution*.

"In a letter addressed the Secretary of War, in which Barton acknowledged the receipt of the sword voted him by Congress, for the capture of Prescott, he uses these words in reference to his selected men: 'The enterprise against General Prescott was hazardous, but what crowned it with success, under the smiles of Providence, was the bravery and unshaken firmness of those who were with me.' Again the Biography of the Revolutionary Soldiers, at page 127, where may be found the list of the men selected by Barton, the caption of the list reads: '*The Names of the Immortal Forty Who Composed the Heroic Band.*'"

The above account is given of the capture of General Prescott, not only as a tribute to Colonel Barton, but also to reveal the courage of the soldiers of his command, in that expedition, which made it possible for Barton to make effectual his plan for the capture of this tyrannical British General. It may be well and truthfully said that the reciting of this heroic enterprise, kindles anew the spirit of patriotism, in that our ancestor, *Isaac W. Brown*, contributed his courage, energy and determination as a soldier, in helping to make successful this very heroic enterprise, thus making him a character of the Revolution, in whom all his descendants, for all time to come, will hold him in veneration.

According to a Pay Abstract, under date of March 16, 1778, which I procured from the State Record Commissioner of the State of Rhode Island, the following is a list of the company in which Isaac W. Brown served in his first enlistment, in which he was serving at the time he was selected by Colonel Barton as a member of the expedition to capture General Prescott :

Thomas Thompaso, Captain	Edward Hiscox	Private
Peleg Berry, First Lieutenant	Nathaniel Thompson	"
Joshua Babcock, Second Lieutenant	John Champlin	"

Andrew Stanton, Ensign	Oliver Burdick	Private
William West, Sergeant	Charles Hiscox	"
Nathaniel Smith, Sergeant	John Lanpher	"
Timothy West, Sergeant	Richard Chace	"
<i>Isaac Brown</i> , Sergeant	Thomas Thompson, Jr.	"
Arnold Crumb, Corporal	William Babcock	"
Billington Crumb, Corporal	John Inocho	"
James Harris, Corporal	Stephen Gavitt	"
Stephen Ray, Corporal	Daniel Tucher	"
Asa Clark, Drum Major	Simeon Crumb	"
Cyrus Wheeler, Fifer	Joel Maxon	"
	Simeon Davis	"
	George Chumbs	"
	Samuel Apis	"
	Edward Netson	"
	Gideon Bowen	"

It is probable that this list does not comprise all the members of the company, as originally constituted, for those who were absent on detached service, or through illness or casualties, would not appear on the pay roll above referred to.

As has been heretofore stated, our ancestor, Isaac W. Brown, had two brothers, Thomas and John Brown, who served in the Revolution. A statement has been given showing in part the services of Thomas Brown, but up to this time there has not been found, with certainty, the record of John Brown. It is claimed by the Commissioner of Pensions, that there were so many "John Browns" in the service, that it is difficult to identify the different ones, unless it is known who were their respective commanding officers.

CHILDREN OF ISAAC W. BROWN AND ESTHER BARRINGTON BROWN.

From an old record which over twenty years ago I borrowed from Alanson Brown, of Owatonna, Minnesota, grandson of the above named, and which I had photographed, there has been learned the names, number and dates of birth, etc., of the children of these ancestors. This record was procured by Alanson Brown, from his father, Alanson Brown, son of said ancestors. Before the death of Alanson Brown, from whom I borrowed this record, he gave direction that said record should be sent to me at his death. In conformity with this disposition, his daughter, Mrs. Dr. Bennett, of Owatonna, sent the same to me, and I now have it in my possession. It

is represented as being in the handwriting of our ancestor, Isaac William Brown. Whether this is a fact, I have no further knowledge.

The following is a copy of this old record :

"Stonington, March ye 30th, 1775, Isaac Brown and Esther were married by the Reverend Mr. Joseph Fish.

"Esther Brown, Daughter to Isaac and Esther Brown was born March ye 19, 1776.

"Bridget, Daughter to Isaac and Esther Brown was born Sept. 14, 1777.

"Polly, Daughter to Isaac & Esther Brown was born May ye 6th 1779.

"Hannah, Daughter to Isaac & Esther Brown was born February ye 1st 1781.

"Isaac, Son to Isaac & Esther Brown was Born November ye 17th 1782.

"Alanson, Son to Isaac & Esther Brown was born June ye 1st 1784.

"Eunice, Daughter to Isaac & Esther Brown was Born February ye 5th 1786."

On the back of this record is the following: "William Parmer Brown was born November ye 18th 1793. Robert B. Randall was born December ye 23d 1802."

I have never been able to determine with certainty who this William Parmer Brown and Robert B. Randall were, but believe they were grandchildren.

Of the above named children of Isaac William and Esther Barrington Brown, I have assembled data with reference to Bridget, Alanson and Isaac and their descendants; that with reference these three children will be found at the proper place. As to the daughters, Esther, Polly, Hannah and Eunice, but little information has been found, but what has been secured now follows :

ESTHER BROWN, daughter of *Isaac William* and *Esther Brown*, was born March 19, 1776, at Stonington, Connecticut. She married a man named Greenman and they are said

to have settled near Crooked Lake, Steuben County, New York. So far as known they had five boys, but their names have not been found.

POLLY BROWN, daughter of *Isaac William* and *Esther Brown*, was born May 6, 1779, at Stonington, Connecticut, where her parents were living then, the year before their removal to the State of New York. She married a Mr. Joslyn and they seem to have lived in Herkimer County, New York. Their children were the following: Nancy, when last heard from was living in Herkimer County; James went to Oswego County; Esther lived in Mohawk Village; Elmira went to Oneida County; Polly was an old maid; Ruba went to Cohoes Falls, in Albany County; Stephen died; Isaac died; and George, when last heard from, was living in Herkimer County, on the old farm at German Flats, being the farm formerly owned by Isaac Brown, Jr., and prior thereto by *Isaac William Brown*, to whom it was deeded in 1806.

HANNAH BROWN, daughter of *Isaac William* and *Esther Brown*, was undoubtedly born at Hoosac, now Berlin, as her parents were living there the year of her birth, as appears by a statement for pension of her father. Born February 1, 1781; married to Isaac Pendleton Randall in 1800. Their children were Robert Randall, Alexander Randall, Electa M. Randall, William Henry Randall, Elizabeth Randall, Chauncey H. Randall and Edward Randall.

This family located in Cortland County, New York. Mr. Isaac Pendleton Randall being a descendant of the Pendleton and Randall Families of Connecticut. Hannah Brown Randall died at Cuyler, Cortland County, New York, in 1865, and her husband died at the same place.

EUNICE BROWN, daughter of *Isaac William* and *Esther Brown*, of whom she was their youngest child. She was born February 5, 1786, and married a man whose name was Ward. When this family was last heard of, more than fifty years ago, they were living at Tuskstown, New York. So far as known they had three children: Elizabeth, John, and Mary.

It is to be regretted that so little has been learned of the daughters above named, and if my father and mother had

not given me what appears above, absolutely nothing would be at hand to indicate that such persons lived and had an existence. I should have done more to get additional data about these families and I did make some efforts, but found the processes of time had made it almost impossible to trace their lines and then, too, in all probability, these daughters have all been dead upwards of fifty years. Whether their lives were successful or failures, I know not.

ISAAC BROWN, JR., was the son of *Isaac William* and *Esther Barrington Brown*. Was probably born at Hoosac, now Berlin, State of New York, November 17, 1782, or about two years after the removal of his parents from Stonington, Connecticut, according to the statement made by his father in his application for pension, as to the places in which he had lived after the Revolutionary War.

He married *Polly Wilcox*, daughter of Deacon *Isaiah Wilcox* and *Polly Pendleton Wilcox*, November 22, 1806. She was born in Connecticut, January 4, 1789, and died at German Flats, Herkimer County, New York, May 17, 1813.

They lived at German Flats and owned a farm, it being a portion of a large tract which in 1806 was deeded to *Isaac William Brown*, said large tract being designated as a part of the Staley Patent. Alanson Brown, brother of Isaac Brown, Jr., owned an adjoining farm, being also a part of the tract deeded to the said *Isaac William Brown*.

The place of interment of *Polly Wilcox Brown*, her lovable character and her importance in this Brown Genealogy, are referred to in the Wilcox Line, which is a part of this publication.

Isaac Brown, Jr., died at Cicero, Onondaga County, New York, October 27, 1834, and his interment was in a cemetery just north of Cicero, said cemetery being on a piece of land taken from his farm. In this cemetery are buried many of his relatives and descendants.

THEIR CHILDREN:

RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN, b. September 30, 1809; m. Mary Potter Brownell. (See Part One.)

MARY ANN BROWN, b. June 22, 1811; m. Noah Merriam.

ISAAC BROWN, b. August 3, 1812; d. December 9, 1832, at Cicero, New York.

After the death of *Polly Wilcox Brown, Isaac Brown, Jr.*, married Lydia Shaw, who died about 1858, in Michigan.

CHILDREN BY SECOND MARRIAGE:

SARAH BROWN, b. at German Flats, October 2, 1815.

ELIZA BROWN, b. at German Flats, in 1817.

GILBERT BROWN, b. at German Flats, August 25, 1819.

URIAH BROWN, b. probably at German Flats, about 1821.

AMANDA BROWN, d. May 31, 1833. Interment in Cicero Cemetery.

MASON BROWN, b. probably at German Flats.

In the year about 1825, at the time of the opening of the Erie Canal, the family of *Isaac Brown, Jr.*, moved to Cicero, Onondaga County, New York, where he engaged in farming about one-half mile north of the village of Cicero. On the farm a cemetery was located, and in this cemetery many of our family of Browns are buried. Among these whose place of interment is in this cemetery, are *Isaac Brown, Jr.*, Amanda Brown; Isaac Brown, *Rasselas Wilcox Brown* and *Mary Potter Brownell Brown*; Mary Ann Brown Merriam and her husband, Noah Merriam; Mary Ann Brown Allen and her husband, George R. Allen.

This is the cemetery which my father helped to clear up and establish, which is beautifully located, and in its area are buried undoubtedly other of our relatives.

MARY ANN BROWN, daughter of *Isaac Brown, Jr.*, and *Polly Wilcox Brown*, and granddaughter of *Isaac William Brown* and *Esther Barrington Brown*.

Born at German Flats, Herkimer County, New York, June 22, 1811, a sister of *Rasselas Wilcox Brown*. She married Noah Merriam, born at Providence, New York, September 17, 1805; died at Cicero, December 30, 1878.

CHILDREN:

POLLY JANE, b. at Cicero, November 19, 1830; m. Seymour Skiff, February 6, 1850, and d. at Syracuse, January 8, 1914.

HENRY HOLLISTER, b. at Cicero, April 25, 1832; m. Isabella McLeish, January 18, 1855, and d. at Oswego Falls, February 4, 1900.

HELEN AMANDA, b. at Cicero, May 10, 1833; d. at Syracuse, September 4, 1915. She m. Jefferson Luther Brown, November 5, 1855, at Cicero. This was a marriage of cousins, as they were both descended from the above named *Isaac Brown, Jr.*, and *Polly Wilcox Brown*, making both great-grandchildren of *Isaac William Brown* and *Esther Barrington Brown*.

CLARA, b. January 8, 1835, at Cicero; m. Henry H. Loomis, March 28, 1854, and d. at Syracuse, January 3, 1888.

ISAAC BROWN, b. at Cicero, November 23, 1838; d. at Chattanooga, Tennessee, November 19, 1919. He m. Louise Salsbury, February 14, 1866, first, and m. second Sarah Elizabeth Deus, April 20, 1876, his first wife having d. August 5, 1874.

THOMAS, b. at Cicero, April 13, 1841; m. Carrie Doane, October 1, 1872, and d. at Syracuse, May 1, 1904.

ANN ELIZA, b. at Cicero, December 1, 1845; m. Phineas Stoddard Ernhout, November 14, 1872.

Polly Jane, daughter of Noah Merriam and Mary Ann Brown Merriam, who married Seymour Skiff, February 6, 1850, had children as follows:

MARILLA T., b. January 9, 1851.

MARY M. SKIFF, b. May 8, 1852; m. Dr. James Wells, September 8, 1875; d. at Wilcox, Pa., August 14, 1909. Their children were Mabel M. Wells, b. November 3, 1878; Charles, d. when a child; Ethel, d. when a child; Janie, d. in infancy.

ELLA, b. July 8, 1856.

CHARLES H., b. June 14, 1858; m. Anna Nicholson, February 28, 1889, and they had Emma L., b. January 21, 1891, who m. Dr. Walter L. Weedon, August 26, 1918, and they have one child, Morris Skiff Weedon, b. December 25, 1919.

GEORGE, b. September 14, 1859; d. April 19, 1861.

GEORGE T., b. October 22, 1861; m. Ella Nicholson (sister of above named Anna Nicholson), February 28, 1889, and they have one child, Seymour N. Skiff, b. May 18, 1891.

CLARA L., b. December, 1867; m. Henry G. Snow, February 28, 1900, and they have one child, Catherine Polly Snow, b. March 3, 1906.

Holister Merriam, brother of the preceding Polly Jane, who married Isabella McLeish, and had children as follows:

WILLIAM, b. December 14, 1856; drowned December 17, 1870.

HENRY HARVEY, drowned December 17, 1870.

ELSIE, b. September 24, 1862; m. Nevada N. Stranahan, and they had children: Daniel, d. when about 8 years of age; Louise, b. May 22, 1896; m. January 3, 1920.

ELIZABETH, b. August 23, 1865; m. J. C. Harrington, October 2, 1893.

NOAH, b. September 2, 1867; m. Nettie M. Hooker, March 15, 1893, and they have children: Margaret, b. January 27, 1894; m. Samuel Koback, April 4, 1920; Isabelle, b. May 10, 1896, m. Karlton S. Wright, June 8, 1916; Elsie Elizabeth, b. November 8, 1901.

MARY ANN, b. April 25, 1869; m. Frederick Foster, December 29, 1901.

FRANK, b. May 15, 1873; d. October 28, 1873.

NOTE.—Isabella McLeish, wife of Henry Hollister Merriam, d. March 11, 1878, and he m. second Eliza Hancock, October 1, 1879, from which marriage there was no issue.

Helen Amanda Merriam, sister of the preceding, who married Jefferson Luther Brown, had children as follows: (See also Part One.)

LURA MERRIAM BROWN, b. April 1, 1857; d. November 19, 1921, at Syracuse; m. Emmet G. Latta, at Wilcox, Pa., August 27, 1879. They have children: Dr. Jefferson Brown Latta, b. April 5, 1867; m. Elizabeth Frances Wilson; Frank Raymond, b. at Friendship, May 15, 1888; m. Rhoda Lavina Stanley, and they have children: Jean Stanley, b. May 14, 1914; Frances Brown, b. September 10, 1915, and Margaret, b. May 1, 1918; Hubert Isaac Latta, b. March 17, 1893; m. Madaline M. Morris, October 15, 1913, and they have children: Lura Virginia, b. July 15, 1914, and Lorane Ida, b. April 1, 1918.

EMMA GILLIS BROWN, b. September 10, 1860; m. Daniel Condon, June 27, 1889. They have children: Helen Merriam, b. October 6, 1890; m. John F. Derr, Jr., December 25, 1917; Catherine Estelle, b. June 30, 1892. Both these daughters are graduates of the University of Syracuse.

FRANK RASSELAS BROWN, b. April 5, 1867, and d. March 25, 1915; m. Bertha Clearwater, August 14, 1890, and they had one child, Helen Elizabeth, b. September 7, 1895, who m. December 27, 1920, Edward Tilton Dunlap, who now, October 9, 1920, have a daughter, Jean Brown Dunlap.

Clara Merriam, sister of preceding Helen Amanda and daughter of Mary Ann Brown Merriam, married Henry H. Loomis, had children as follows:

EDWIN L. LOOMIS, b. April 6, 1858; m. Emma Nicholson, January 20, 1880.

DORA, b. May 6, 1861; m. Dr. D. H. Murray, October 21, 1884; d. at Syracuse, March 27, 1916. Their children were Henry Loomis Murray, b. November 3, 1888; m. Kate Horton, September, 1916, and they have one child, Horton Murray, b. 1918; Clara Murray, b. May 8, 1894.

ANNA GRACE LOOMIS, b. September 13, 1871; m. to I. E. Humphrey, June 25, 1896, and they have one child, Henry Loomis Humphrey, b. September 4, 1901, at Canandaigua, New York.

Isaac Brown Merriam, brother of the preceding and son of Mary Ann Brown Merriam, and husband of Mary Louise Salsbury, had children as follows:

LUCIUS S. MERRIAM, b. January 20, 1867; drowned at Ithaca, November 18, 1893. He was a graduate of Vanderbilt University with the degree of Bachelor of Science, and the degree of Doctor of Science was conferred on him by Johns Hopkins University. He was Instructor in Economics at Johns Hopkins and Cornell Universities.

THOMAS NOAH MERRIAM, b. March 8, 1869, graduated at Vanderbilt University in 1902, as Bachelor of Arts. He m. Minerva McClatchey, May 29, 1918, and they have one child, Lucius Allen Merriam, b. at Chattanooga, February 11, 1919.

FRANK GRIFFEN MERRIAM, b. October 2, 1871; m. Zada Burgess, September 6, 1893, and they have children: Maria Elizabeth, b. February 9, 1895; Lucius Burgess Merriam, b. March 12, 1898; John Isaac, b. March 24, 1901; and Martha, b. January 4, 1904.

Mrs. Merriam, the first wife of Isaac Brown Merriam, died August 5, 1874, and he married second, Sarah Elizabeth Deus, April 20, 1876.

CHILDREN BY SECOND MARRIAGE:

MARTHA DEUS MERRIAM, b. February 17, 1877; d. May 19, 1909.

ISAAC BROWN MERRIAM, JR., b. August 14, 1881; m. Ethel Beel, November 18, 1908, and they have Martha Deus Merriam, b. November 19, 1909.

ANNA MERRIAM, b. December 14, 1879; d. June 18, 1881.

GARNETT DEUS MERRIAM, b. November 2, 1883; m. Elizabeth Osborne, July 22, 1915.

Thomas Merriam, brother to the preceding, husband of Carrie Doane, and son of Mary Ann Brown Merriam, had one child.

MARY DOANE MERRIAM, b. January 15, 1891.

Ann Eliza Merriam Ernhout, sister of the preceding, and wife of Phineas S. Ernhout, had one child.

MERRIAM ERNHOUT, b. September 23, 1879, at Wilcox, Elk County, Pa. She graduated from the University of Syracuse with the Class of 1900. Married James Philips Barnes, at Syracuse, January 3, 1906, and they have children: Miela Ernhout Barnes, twin, b. at Utica, N. Y., December 31, 1906; d. February 26, 1914; James Merriam Barnes, twin, b. at Utica, N. Y., December 31, 1906; and Mary Ann Barnes, b. at Syracuse, April 21, 1911.

NOTE.—Noah Merriam and his wife, Mary Ann Brown Merriam, lived lives worthy of emulation and their sturdy characters are seen in their descendants, all of whom reflect creditably on their parents. Isaac Brown Merriam and Thomas Merriam were both distinguished soldiers of the Civil War, both being severely wounded and both were public spirited and loyal citizens under the government for which they rendered heroic service.

SARAH BROWN, daughter of Isaac Brown, Jr., and granddaughter of Isaac W. Brown. Born at German Flats, Herkimer County, N. Y., October 2, 1815; married Lemuel Bryant, October 4, 1836; died at Pinckney, Michigan. She married second, Israel Shaw, January 10, 1849.

CHILDREN BY FIRST MARRIAGE:

MARY BRYANT, b. December 3, 1837; m. December 1, 1857, Daniel Cook, and they had three children: John L. Cook, Clara E. Cook, and Fannie R. Cook.

FRANK BRYANT, b. February 14, 1839; m. March 5, 1861, Sarah A. Talmage; d. March 9, 1897. Their children were Carrie V. Bryant, Charles J. Bryant, and Maud C. Bryant. All these children died in June, 1880.

S. P. BRYANT, b. August 4, 1844; m. August 5, 1868, Libbie L. Wells. Their issue was one child so far as determined, Lloyd Lemuel Bryant.

L. T. BRYANT, b. August 4, 1844; m. February 22, 1871, Mary J. Snow. Their children were Frank L. Bryant, Nellie Bryant, and Dana C. Bryant.

CHILDREN BY SECOND MARRIAGE:

SARAH M. SHAW, b. February 2, 1850; d. November 25, 1852.

ELIZA BROWN, daughter of Isaac Brown, Jr., and granddaughter of Isaac W. Brown. Born at German Flats, Herkimer County, N. Y., in 1817; married John Collier in 1837. She died at Pinckney, Michigan, March 23, 1870. Her husband, John Collier, died July 14, 1875.

THEIR CHILDREN :

ISAAC L. COLLIER, b. November 21, 1838, in Onondaga County, N. Y.; d. March 29, 1865.

CHARLES LEROY COLLIER, b. September 5, 1843, in Onondaga County, N. Y.; m. Emma Blair Cole, October 23, 1866. They had children: Cora, Willie, Roy, and Roe.

MARY C. COLLIER, b. April 19, 1848, in Putnam, Livingston County, Michigan; m. Ira Jennings, October 23, 1866. They had children: Grace Dell, Frank Rumsey, Bessie Luella, and Charles LeRoy.

WILLIE COLLIER, b. May 30, 1853, in Putnam, Livingston County, Michigan; d. June 30, 1853.

It is hard to pass this family of Browns without a reference to the service of Isaac L. Collier. His second name was Lansing, and so far as I know, was always called Lansing. He was a member of the First Michigan Cavalry in the Civil War. Served for three years and then reënlisted. Was taken prisoner and suffered in Andersonville all the affliction which has made that the saddest place in the land. At the dawn of peace, he was found a physical, and to a large extent, a mental wreck, too pathetic to recount here. He, however, reached his Uncle Gilbert's home in Pinckney, Michigan, within four or five miles of his own home, and there gave his life for the land he ardently loved. He was as handsome a young man as I ever saw. I knew him well; saw him on his reënlistment furlough, and at an earlier date he was my teacher. His patriotism is worthy of emulation. His brother Charlie was in the Navy.

GILBERT BROWN, son of Isaac Brown, Jr., and grandson of Isaac W. Brown. Gilbert Brown, born August 25, 1819, at German Flats, Herkimer County, N. Y., married Mary P. Annis, of Pavilion, N. Y., December 19, 1843. She was born October 25, 1824. Gilbert died March 22, 1888, and Mary, March 2, 1898. They were an ideal couple. I loved both of them on their own worth, but also because Uncle Gilbert and my father, Rasselas W. Brown, had great affection for each other.

THEIR CHILDREN :

ELLA M. BROWN, b. December 10, 1845; m. Orla B. Jackson, March 3, 1868.

TILLA E. BROWN, b. May 8, 1848; m. Albert Jackson, December 9, 1868. They had a son, Floyd G. Jackson, b. January 29, 1873, and m. to Emily M. Stephens, December 29, 1897.

URIAH BROWN, son of Isaac Brown, Jr., and grandson of Isaac W. Brown. Uriah Brown, born probably at German Flats, Herkimer County, N. Y., date undetermined, but not far from 1821. No data as to time of his marriage or name of his wife, but he had three children, one named Josephine; the other two children died.

AMANDA BROWN, daughter of Isaac Brown, Jr., and granddaughter of Isaac W. Brown. She died May 31, 1833, at the age of nine years.

MASON BROWN, son of Isaac Brown, Jr., and grandson of Isaac W. Brown. Mason Brown, born probably at German Flats, Herkimer County, N. Y.; married Jane Brown, December 31, 1846; died September 20, 1850, enroute to California to join that ambitious crowd that undertook the perilous transcontinental trip to seek fortunes in the gold field which constitute so much of California's history of that day.

THEIR CHILD:

JOIE BROWN, b. March 20, 1851; m. A. G. Walker, July 1, 1874; d. May 8, 1893.

ALANSON BROWN, son of Isaac William Brown and Esther Barrington Brown, was born at Little Hoosac, Rensselaer County, New York, June 1, 1784, and died in 1876. His father's family settled in Herkimer County, at German Flats, when Alanson was a young boy, and in a few years, he became the owner of a farm, it being a part of a larger tract which in 1806 was deeded to his father, Isaac W. Brown, and known as the Staley Patent. At German Flats, Alanson and his brother, Isaac, Jr., lived side by side as owners of adjoining farms. Subsequently Alanson moved to Homer, Cortland County, N. Y., where he acquired a home and where his father, Isaac W. Brown, went to live his last days with his son, and where this honored father died on the 28th day of January, 1837.

At the age of nineteen, Alanson married Miss Jane Thomas, and from this union there were born children: Vienna, Deborah, Alanson, Lydia, Lorenzo, Betsy Jane, Amos, Angeline, Isaac, Ruth, and Hamilton.

The mother of these children died in 1879. Those who knew her have spoken in highest terms of her goodness and high character in general.

It is to be regretted that more data has not been obtained in reference to this splendid family. In 1863 I saw at Cicero, N. Y., this Alanson Brown. He was then 77 years of age, but bright and active, well dressed and appeared to be a man of culture and refinement. He was an ardent Christian and after asking me about my father, Russelas Wilcox Brown, for whom he had great admiration, he then asked me if I were a Christian. I am afraid I did not know and probably evaded the question. From what I have learned of him, it is certain that he was a man possessing strength of character and lived an ideal life.

Of the children above named, I saw the son Alanson some twenty-two years ago, at Owatonna, Minnesota, where he was making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Bennett. He was a man wonderfully striking in his appearance, tall, erect, with eyes as blue as the brightest skies, and in expression he reminded me of my father, they being own cousins. They were playmates way back in their boyhood days, along the picturesque and historical Mohawk River. This Alanson was a Baptist through and through, and had a kind disposition. Something over twenty years ago, I also met at Cortland, N. Y., his brother, Isaac, who was a bright, active man, esteemed by his neighbors, and possessed of refinement and sterling character. These commendable features characterized all the members of the family whom it was my fortune to meet. His son was then Mayor of the City of Cortland, New York.

I also met the son, Hamilton, during the Civil War, when he was a Captain in the 110th Regiment, New York Volunteers, who was superb in appearance in the uniform of a Union soldier. This family of Browns was certainly a credit to American citizenship. Many of the descendants of Alanson

Brown, Sr., attained prominence and acquired wealth. The son, Isaac, was named Isaac William Brown, for his grandfather, Isaac William Brown, and this information I obtained from him personally. Alanson, of Owatonna, Minnesota, impressed me as having many of the characteristics of my own father, Rasselas Wilcox Brown, and on this account, and his manly appearance, I held him in veneration. He had two grandsons, children of his daughter, Mrs. Bennett, who were bankers and were making life a success. They were both graduates of Harvard University.

In leaving this family, Alanson Brown and his descendants, I express the hope that some of the descendants of Alanson Brown, Sr., will assemble the data necessary for the publication of a complete genealogy of the family, that descends from Isaac William Brown, who was one of the heroes of the Revolution and rendered conspicuous service in being one of the forty heroes under Colonel Barton, who captured the Tyrant Prescott, of the British Army.

BRIDGET BROWN. She was a daughter of Isaac William Brown and Esther Barrington Brown, born at Stonington, Connecticut, September 14, 1777, and died at Independence, N. Y., in 1851. She married a Mr. John Brown, son of Lansing Brown, but so far as ascertained, he was in no way related to her by blood. The husband died in about 1812, and left his widow with a large family to support. Their home was at Brookfield, N. Y., but after the death of the husband, Bridget, with her family moved to Independence, N. Y. She was a devout and true member of the Methodist Church, and though life was a hard struggle in providing for her children, yet she arose to the full measure of her duty, and her descendants revere her for her fidelity.

THEIR CHILDREN :

HIRAM, ISAAC, GEORGE, JOHN, EDMOND, ELIZA, CLARISSA, and LUCINDA.

HIRAM BROWN, son of Bridget and John Brown, born at Brookfield, N. Y., and died in Detroit, in about 1891. Married at Brookfield, N. Y., Miss Davenport, of Trumansburg, N. Y. They located in Michigan, and it is said they lived in both Lansing and Detroit, Michigan.

THEIR CHILDREN :

DOW, m. Miss Davenport, a second cousin of his mother, lived at Detroit, Michigan.

FRANK, d. unmarried.

NANCY, m. a Mr. Pope, by whom she had two children, Henry and Adah.

MARY, m. Leon Foster, who died when their first child was seven years old, whose name was Clarence, and this Clarence married Anna Forsythe, of Whitesville, N. Y., and they had a daughter, Nora.

KERNY, m. a Miss Chaplin, of Alfred, N. Y., and they have one son and daughter; the son, Frank, lives at Hornell, N. Y.

ISAAC BROWN, son of Bridget and John Brown, born at Brookfield, N. Y., and removed to Independence, N. Y., where he died unmarried, in 1830.

It will be observed that the name, Isaac, occurs frequently among the descendants of Isaac William Brown. This would indicate that this soldier ancestor was a man of character and commendable reputation, else his name would not be so frequently found among his descendants.

GEORGE BROWN, son of Bridget and John Brown, married Betsey Carter, of West Union, and settled in Michigan. Mrs. Rogers, of Greenwood, N. Y., thinks they both died before the Rebellion, and that they had eight children, but their names are not ascertained.

JOHN BROWN, son of Bridget and John Brown, and grandson of Isaac William Brown and Esther Barrington Brown.

Born at Brookfield, Madison County, New York; died at Little Genesee, N. Y., in November, 1862; married Betsey Saunders, of Little Genesee, N. Y. They had three sons: Ely, George, and Andrew. All three sons were soldiers in the Civil War. Ely and Andrew both died in the service of the Republic, and George, on account of disability, was discharged, but soon after died.

While this family seems to have come to an end as to descendants, certainly the services rendered the nation is worthy of emulation and commemoration.

EDMOND BROWN, son of Bridget Brown and John Brown. He was born at Brookfield, N. Y., on the 2d day of November, 1810, and died at Wellsville, N. Y., July 25, 1885, at his home. He married Mary Spicer, daughter of Seth and Polly Spicer, who at seven years of age came with her parents from Brookfield, Madison County, N. Y., to Independence, N. Y. She, Mary Spicer Brown, died at Wellsville, March 20, 1896. They had ten children, six sons and four daughters, as follows:

CHARLES BROWN, m. Betsey Collier, and they had six children, one son and five daughters: Myrta, who married Erwin Briggs; Adah, who married Daniel Plaisted and had two sons; Mary, who married Abe Austin and had two children, Claud and Anna; Alice, who married C. S. Sissons, of Almond, and they have two children; Ella, who married T. R. Bassett, of Independence, later at Andover, and they have four children, two sons and two daughters, Elizabeth, Earle, Adah Bell, and Chandler; Jay Brown, who married a lady in Hartford, who are reported to have had four children.

MARY JANE, who married Hiram Bloss, of Hallsport, and moved to Whitesville, where they both died. They had seven children, five sons and two daughters: Myron, who married Frank Hartsam, had no children; Ila, who married Clarence Clark, of Andover, and they have one son and three daughters: Frederick, who married a lady in Dubois, Pa., and they have one daughter; Leila, who married Wilbert Davis, of Connecticut, a Seventh Day Baptist minister, lived in Kansas, and they have two children, Rea and Emily; Frank Bloss, who married Bell Richardson and lived in Andover, and they had three sons: Fay, a Professor of Music in Chicago, and Louise, a teacher; George Bloss, who married Martha Bassett, of Independence, and they have two daughters, Jessie and Ruth; Nora Bloss, who married Lewis Bassett, of Independence, and they had two children, Herley, who died, and Leon, who married a lady at Alfred, N. Y., and they have two sons.

MIRANDA BROWN, who married Peter Rogers, now deceased. They had two children: Edmond Brown Rogers, a machinist, who married Mary Babcock, of Dansville, and lived in Greenwood, Steuben County, N. Y.; the other child, Alice Belle, who married V. C. Hulbert, of Wellsville, and they had three children, one son and two daughters, to wit: Harold L., Hazel L., who was studying for a nurse at Geneva City Hospital; Harold is now an undertaker in New York City; their third child was Eleanor Virginia.

LUCINDA BROWN, who married Elisha Bloss, of Hallsport, and they have four children: Mary, deceased, who married Aaron Crittendon, of Hallport, and they had two daughters, Helen and Hellena; Hellena died and Helen married and has three children, and they lived at Whitesville; Floyd and Frederick Bloss died and Charles married Lila Foster, of Independence. They live at Whitesville, and have two sons, Milton and George.

NEWELL BROWN responded to the first call of the nation at the breaking out of the Civil War in 1861, and enlisted in Co. H of the Eighty-Fifth New York Volunteers, and served nearly four years. He however, was taken prisoner and died in Andersonville, just as the last battles of the war were being fought.

GEORGE E. BROWN, who married Martha Updyke, of Andover, and they had three children, two sons and one daughter. The sons remained at home with their father in the gristmill and lumber mill business at Andover. The daughter, Leattie, married Floyd Harn, and lived at Andover.

IRNS BROWN married Ella Richardson, and they had two daughters, Ora and Leah. Ora married Floyd Green, of Independence, and they have eleven children, as follows: Mary, Ella, Pauline, Earl, Reading, Edna, Esther, Lawrence, Burdette, Clarissa, and Francis. All are said to be beautiful children. The other daughter of Irns lives in North Dakota.

ALBERT BROWN, who married Helen Goodrich, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and they have three children, one son and two daughters. All have lived in West Virginia. Of their children, Mary married a Mr. Strong, and they have one daughter, Helen. Ray is in the United States Mail Service.

FRANCELLA BROWN married Hartley Tarrish, of Wellsville, and they had one son and two daughters: Grace, who married a Mr. Hartman, of Bowling Green, Ohio, and they had three children; Edna, married Ford Cornwall, of Wellsville, and they lived at Warren, Pa.; Guy lived in Buffalo, unmarried.

ELMER BROWN married Mary Walker, of Wellsville, and they had one daughter, unmarried.

Mrs. Miranda Brown Rogers, daughter of Edmond Brown, and granddaughter of Bridget Brown, has supplied practically all the data in reference to the Edmond Brown Family. From her it has been learned that John Brown was the husband of Bridget Brown, and that his father was Lansing Brown.

ELIZA BROWN, daughter of Bridget Brown and John Brown, married Isaac Dieter, of Dansville, N. Y. They had two daughters, Mary Ann and Sarah Jane. Mary Ann

married Hiram Crider, of Dansville, N. Y., and had one daughter, Lilly. This family located in Idaho. The other daughter, Sarah Jane, married Garwood Knapp, of Syracuse, and had two daughters, Hattie and Flora. Hattie died unmarried. Flora married George Ingert, of Dansville, and they had two children, Hattie and Burdette. They live in Dansville.

CLARISSA BROWN, second daughter of Bridget Brown and John Brown, married John Tanner, of Deuyler, N. Y. Their children were:

GEORGE, who married Harriet Clark, of Nile, N. Y. He was a soldier of the Civil War and died in the service in 1863, leaving his widow and two little daughters, Ida and Arline; Ida married Mark Slade, of Little Genesee, where they were living when last heard from; Arline married George Stanton. Clarissa and her husband spent all their married lives at Little Genesee, where their children were all born. Their next child was

ELIZA, who lived her last years with her nephews, Fred and Frank Stillman, at Friendship, N. Y., and never married.

ALBERT, the third child, married a Miss Enice, and had one child, Albert, who died in 1879. Fourth child,

SUSAN, married William Stillman who was a soldier in the Civil War, and for eleven months was in Confederate prison. He died in 1910. Susan died at Nile, N. Y., in 1893. They had three children. Fourth child,

CHAUNCEY, seems never to have married, and was in poor health and not able to enlist in the Civil War, but remained home to help care for his parents, who were in feeble health. His brother and two brothers-in-law were soldiers in the Civil War, and he died from disease contracted while taking care of the sick.

LAURA, the sixth child, married Joseph Nixom, of Friendship, N. Y., and they lived for years in Nebraska, but subsequently returned and bought a farm near his father's, where Laura died in 1894. They had four children. The seventh child was

CHARLES, who died in infancy.

LUCINDA BROWN, daughter of Bridget Brown and John Brown, married Peleg Babcock, of Madison County, N. Y., and their children were, first:

FANNIE, who married James Greenman, of Hebron, to whom was born Frank and Electa; Frank married and had three children and lived at Eldred, Pa.; Electa married Charles Nelson, of Oswayo, and they had three children. Second child,

DANIEL, married Hannah Witter, of Nile, N. Y., a deacon in the Seven Day Baptist Church, who died in 1890; they had six children. The next children were twins, named

ANN ELIZABETH and ELIZABETH ANN. One of the twins married Cabel Lewis, of Little Genesee, and had three children. The other twin married Luke Maxson, of Connecticut, and had no children. These twin sisters married farmers and lived side by side all their lives. The fifth child,

HARRIET, died when a young lady, having for a long time had her home at the parsonage of the Seven Day Baptist Church in the abode of the minister, Mr. Griswold. The sixth child was

MARY ESTHER, who married Mason Holmes, of Connecticut, by whom she had three children. Their home was "In the Far West." The seventh child was

LANSING, who died in infancy. The last child was

ELNATHAN, who was born at Little Genesee, N. Y., in 1840, at the birth of whom, his mother, Lucinda, died; he married Miss Harter, of Dansville, by whom he had six children, and died at Dansville. Being motherless in his infancy, he was adopted by his Aunt Eliza Brown Dieter, by whom he was reared.

THE BROWNELL FAMILY.

In assembling the data for the Brownell Family, it is regretted that I did not secure from my mother more information in regard to those of this family whom she must have known in her girlhood days. I remember some of the names of her kindred about whom she talked in a way that indicated she had knowledge of the family, which would be of value to me, but which I can never now acquire. When I became fully interested in the genealogy of the Brownell and other families, mother had passed to the world to come. Lost opportunities are regretted, and so it is with me, as I have been working on Brownell Genealogy.

In the data of our Brown Family, I have made some observation in regard to my mother, Mary Potter Brownell Brown, in which I have tried in some degree to exhibit her strength of character and strong personality.

Thomas Brownell appears to be the progenitor of this family in America, and it has been difficult to secure much information in reference to his history. However, he was born in Derbyshire, England, in about 1619, and came to America at a very early date.

From him are descended many sturdy persons who have made life a success, in industrial affairs and in the professions and are thus worthy of honorable mention. Reference might justly be made to George Brownell, who is General Solicitor and Vice-President of the Erie Railroad. It may be said of him that his influence is almost limitless in shaping and solving transportation problems.

When at Alexandria, Virginia, at the beginning of the Civil War, a man by name of Jackson shot Colonel Elmer E. Elsworth for taking down the Confederate flag; it was a *Brownell* who quickly avenged the death of Elsworth, by shooting Jackson. These were both descendants of the progenitor, Thomas Brownell, and in some degree exhibit the mettle and worth of this family.

Thomas Brownell, of Derbyshire, England, above named, married a woman whose Christian name was *Ann*, but the balance of her name has not been learned. Mr. Brownell seems to have settled in Portsmouth, R. I., where he died. His marriage with *Ann* occurred in about 1636. From this marriage there was a large family.

THEIR CHILDREN:

MARY, b. in 1639; m. Robert Hazard. She d. January 12, 1739.

SARAH, b. ———; m. Gideon Freeborn.

MARTHA, b. in 1643; m. Jeremiah Wait, and second, Charles Dyer.

GEORGE, b. in 1646; d. August 20, 1718; m. Susan Pearce.

WILLIAM, b. in 1648; d. in 1715; m. Sarah Smiton.

THOMAS, b. in 1650; d. May 18, 1732; m. *Mary Pearce*.

ROBERT, b. in 1652; d. July 22, 1728; m. Mary ———.

ANN, b. in 1654; d. April 2, 1747; m. Joseph Wilber.

Thomas Brownell, son of *Thomas Brownell* and *Ann Brownell*, born in 1650, married *Mary Pearce*, daughter of *Richard* and *Susanna Wright Pearce*, she having been born in 1654.

THEIR CHILDREN:

THOMAS, b. February 16, 1679; d. in January, 1752; m. Mary Crandall.

JOHN, b. February 21, 1682; d. in March, 1759; m. Mary Carr.

GEORGE, b. January 19, 1685; d. September 22, 1756; m. Mary Thurston.

JEREMIAH, b. October 19, 1689; d. in June, 1756; m. Deborah Burgess.

MARY, b. March 22, 1692; d. July 31, 1717; m. E. Carr.

CHARLES, b. December 23, 1694; d. in February, 1774; m. first Mary Wilber, and second *Mary Wood*.

Charles Brownell, son of *Thomas* and *Mary Pearce Brownell*, married first *Mary Wilber*, by whom he had children: *Lemuel*, *James*, *Mary*, *Ruth*, and *Phœbe*. He married second *Mary Wood*, by whom he had one child, to wit:

CHARLES BROWNELL, b. April 13, 1745; m. *Content Shaw*, February 22, 1770.

Charles Brownell, the only child of *Charles Brownell* and *Mary Wood Brownell*, married February 22, 1770, *Content Shaw*, daughter of *Israel* and *Sarah Wilbur Shaw*, born February, 1751.

THEIR CHILDREN:

THOMAS, b. January 2, 1771.

PHŒBE, b. December 13, 1772.

JEDEDIAH, b. October 11, 1774; d. February 20, 1847; m. *Eunice Watkins*. (*My grandmother*.)

ELIZABETH, b. March 28, 1776.

AARON, b. January 27, 1778.

EPHRAIM, b. March 27, 1779.

PRISCILLA, b. June 4, 1783.

BORDEN, b. December 18, 1785.

CHARLES, b. November 18, 1789.

ISABEL, ———.

Jedediah Brownell, son of *Charles* and *Content Shaw Brownell*, born at Little Compton, R. I., October 11, 1774; died near *Rasselas*, Elk County, Pa., February 20, 1847; married August 5, 1803, *Eunice Watkins*, who was born February 6, 1782, and died at *Rasselas*, Pa., at the home of her son-in-law, *Rasselas Wilcox Brown*, September 6, 1872. She was a very kind woman and fond of her grandchildren. Those now living remember her acts of affection and cherish her memory.

THEIR CHILDREN :

JEDEDIAH, b. August 25, 1811; d. May 9, 1834.

EUNICE, b. October 19, 1813; d. in October, 1915.

MARY POTTER (*my mother*), b. September 23, 1815; d. April 12, 1898; m. *Rasselas Wilcox Brown*.

WILLIAM SHAW, b. October 27, 1818, at Trenton, N. Y.; m. Octavia Howard, August 22, 1852.

Hon. William Shaw Brownell died at his home in Smethport, Pa., July 21, 1900. He married August 22, 1852, Octavia C. Howard, a daughter of Eliphalet Morgan and Patty Hinds Howard. Mr. Brownell was a very successful merchant, having built up a business in such a way as to secure the confidence of his customers. The esteem in which he was held by the people generally, of his county, was shown when he became a candidate for Associate Judge, on the ticket of the minority party, and was triumphantly elected.

His wife, Octavia, was a good soul and so very devoted to her family, so kind and generous with her neighbors, that all loved and respected her. I remember her as a school teacher, and I shall never forget her when I said, "Good Bye" as I was leaving to join the Army in the Civil War.

THEIR CHILDREN :

FITZ WILLIAM, b. in Alden, Illinois, May 1, 1853; d. at Smethport, Pa., January 7, 1863.

MARY ALBINA, b. in Alden, Illinois, November 13, 1854; d. in Chemung, Illinois, September 25, 1856.

GEORGE RALEIGH, b. in Smethport, October 8, 1857; d. there, December 16, 1904.

FRED WILLIAM, b. at Smethport, November 20, 1859; m. Hattie Adalaide Foote.

ADDIE OCTAVIA, b. at Smethport, October 10, 1864; m. Fred William Specht.

Fred William Brownell married Hattie Adalaide Foote, June 24, 1891. She was born at Armor, N. Y., February 20, 1870, and died at Smethport, January 5, 1915. She was a daughter of Nathaniel and Ellen Foote, and a most devoted and companionable lady. Mr. Brownell has been a prominent business man, Burgess of Smethport, and also Postmaster.

THEIR CHILDREN :

HOWARD FRED, b. at Smethport, February 12, 1893.

HELEN, b. at Smethport; d. February 14, 1893.

WILLIAM ARTHUR, b. at Smethport, May 19, 1895.

ROBERT FOOTE, b. at Smethport, January 9, 1897.

HARRIET ADALAIDE, b. at Smethport, May 23, 1906.

Howard Fred Brownell, born February 12, 1893, son of Frederick William and Hattie Adalaide Foote Brownell, married Helen Lucy Rogers, September 6, 1916. He graduated from Smethport High School in 1910, and from Allegheny College in 1915, and is a Chemist in Brooklyn, N. Y. Helen, born at Smethport, February 12, 1893 (twin), died February 14, 1893.

William Arthur, brother of the two preceding, born at Smethport, May 19, 1895, graduated from Smethport High School in 1912, and from Allegheny College in 1917. He is Assistant Principal of Smethport High School.

Robert Foote, brother of the preceding, born January 9, 1897, graduated from Smethport High School in 1914, and from Allegheny College in 1919. He married Elizabeth Gordon Brainerd, August 4, 1921, and is Inspector of State Highways and located at Galetton, Pa.

Harriet Adalaide, sister of the preceding born at Smethport, May 23, 1906, and now, 1921, is a Sophomore in Smethport High School.

Addie Octavia Brownell, sister of Fred William Brownell, and daughter of Judge William Shaw and Octavia Howard Brownell, married Fred William Specht, of Smethport, Pa., which has been the place of their residence during all their married life. Mrs. Specht is a kind and devoted wife and mother, and is loved and admired by all who knew her.

Frederick William Specht, son of Fred William Specht and Addie Brownell Specht, born in Smethport, July 15, 1890, graduated from Smethport High School in 1908, and from Pennsylvania State College in 1912. He married Louise Josephine Blakeslee, December 24, 1919, and is Instructor in Pennsylvania Railroad School at Altoona, Pa.

Edna Brownell Specht, sister of the preceding, born at Smethport, May 21, 1893, graduated from Smethport High School in 1910, and from Mechanics Institute of Rochester, N. Y., in 1914. For a long time Instructor of Domestic Science at the Mechanics Institute. Her address is Smethport.

NOTE.—The educational acquirements of the children and grandchildren of William Shaw Brownell and Octavia Howard Brownell are worthy of high commendation.

Direct line of descent from Thomas Brownell to our Brown Family.

THOMAS BROWNELL and ANN ———.

THOMAS BROWNELL and MARY PEARCE.

CHARLES BROWNELL and MARY WOOD.

CHARLES BROWNELL and CONTENT SHAW.

JEDEDIAH BROWNELL and EUNICE WATKINS.

MARY POTTER BROWNELL and RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN.

ISAAC BROWNELL BROWN and HANNAH PARTINGTON.

RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN and BONNELL JOURDET.

RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN, THE THIRD.

THE WILCOX FAMILY.

On page 558 of Wheeler's History of Stonington, data may be found in reference to the Wilcox Family, in which it would seem to appear that *Edward Wilcox* was the progenitor of that New England family.

Mr. William Alonzo Wilcox, a prominent citizen and a leading lawyer of Scranton, Pennsylvania, has prepared much information regarding this family, published in a book called "A Wilcox-Brown Medbery Genealogy," and from these two sources there has been gleaned the following data regarding a family which has gained no little distinction, not only in New England, but whose descendants are found throughout our country.

Edward Wilcox in 1638 appears in a list of inhabitants of the Island of Aquidneck, and it appears that he was a land-

owner at Manhattan. No data seems to have been secured as to the time he or his ancestor came to America, or as to his birth, his marriage or death. It, however, appears that among his children there was a son Stephen.

Stephen Wilcox was born about 1633, and died in 1690. He was at Portsmouth, R. I., where he was made a freeman in 1658. He was at Westerly at the organization of that town in 1669, from which place he was Deputy to the General Assembly in 1670 and 1672. He married *Hannah Hazard*, daughter of Thomas Hazard and Martha Hazard.

THEIR CHILDREN :

EDWARD, b. in 1662; m. Mary, a daughter of Robert Hazard and Mary Brownell Hazard.

THOMAS, b. at North Kingston; d. in 1728; m. Martha Hazard, a daughter of Robert Hazard.

DANIEL, m. in 1679, Mary Wodell.

WILLIAM, m. January 25, 1698, Dorothy Palmer.

STEPHEN, m. in 1704, Elizabeth Crandall.

HANNAH, m. Samuel, son of Jeremiah and Ann Audley Clarke.

JEREMIAH, m. Mary, daughter of Thomas Mallett.

Edward Wilcox, born at Westerly, about 1662, died November 5, 1715; married *Mary Hazard*, daughter of Robert and Mary Brownell Hazard, granddaughter of Thomas and Martha Hazard. *Edward Wilcox* married second Thomason Stevens.

CHILDREN BY FIRST MARRIAGE :

MARY, m. Joseph Lewis.

HANNAH, m. Ezekiel Gavitt.

STEPHEN, m. July 12, 1716, *Mercie Randall*, daughter of Matthew Randall, of Stonington.

EDWARD.

Stephen Wilcox married, July 12, 1716, *Mercie Randall*, daughter of *Matthew Randall*, of Stonington. Wheeler, in his History, says that he is the ancestor of the Stephen Wilcox, who has been the most liberal benefactor that Westerly has ever had.

THEIR CHILDREN :

DAVID, b. February 3, 1720.

MERCIE, b. August 6, 1724.

EUNICE, b. May 22, 1726.

STEPHEN, b. April 21, 1728.

VALENTINE, b. February 14, 1733.

ISAIAH, b. about 1738.

Reverend Isaiah Wilcox, born about 1738, at Westerly, and died March 3, 1793 (or 1795). He was baptized in February, 1766, and ordained February 14, 1771. Was first pastor of the Wilcox Church (Baptist) at Westerly. He was a man of much power and influence, and his death at fifty-five seemed untimely, having died with smallpox, taken in ministering to one of the members of his church. He married October 15, 1761, *Sarah Lewis*, of Westerly.

THEIR CHILDREN :

ISAIAH, b. January 31, 1763.

ASA, b. September 1, 1764. A Baptist clergyman. Died at Essex, Connecticut.

NATHAN, b. April 10, 1766. Removed in 1792 with his brother *Isaiah* to Danube, N. Y.

SALLY, b. December 19, 1767; m. John Barber.

MERCY, b. March 23, 1769; d. September 18, 1789.

STEPHEN, b. October 10, 1770. Had two sons, Stephen and Thomas Jefferson. The son Stephen was a Representative, State Senator, and was the nominee for his party for Governor. His grandson, Stephen, founded and endowed the Westerly Public Library.

OLIVER, b. June 26, 1773. Owned the old Wilcox Homstead at Watch Hill.

PRUDENCE, b. March 10, 1775; m. Joshua Vose, 3d.

POLLY (MARY), b. January 8, 1777; d. June 13, 1789.

LEWIS, b. November 17, 1789; d. in the South.

ENOCH, b. January 4, 1785; d. at Georgetown, South Carolina, January 29, 1829.

MERCY, b. November 27, 1789; m. Hezekiah Lewis, and d. at Newville, N. Y., July 20, 1879.

Deacon *Isaiah Wilcox*, born at Westerly, R. I., January 31, 1762-63, and married January 22, 1788, *Mary (Polly)*, daughter of Captain *William Pendleton*, and his second wife, *Lydia Palmer Pendleton*. (See Palmer and Pendleton Lines.) Though but fourteen years of age at the breaking out of the Revolution, he nevertheless served a short term of enlistment and was recognized as a Patriot of the American Revolution. After his marriage he removed to New London, then to Norwich and Preston, Connecticut, and subsequently to Danube, Herkimer County, N. Y. He lived to a ripe age and died at 82 years. He was a deacon in the Baptist Church and was highly esteemed wherever he lived.

THEIR CHILDREN :

MARY (POLLY), b. at Preston, Connecticut, January 4, 1789; m. November 22, 1806, *Isaac Brown, Jr.*

ISAIAH, b. at Preston, November 31, 1790.

COLONEL WILLIAM PENDLETON, b. at Danube, May 30, 1794.

ASA, b. at Danube, March 9, 1797, was a member of New York Legislature. George Pendleton Wilcox, of Little Falls, N. Y., and Hon. Isaiah Alonzo Wilcox, of Santa Clara, California, were sons of this Isaiah Wilcox.

LYDIA, b. at Danube, October 10, 1799.

NANCY, b. at Danube, January 31, 1802.

NATHAN PENDLETON, b. at Danube, May 3, 1804.

Mary (Polly) Wilcox was born at Preston, according to the Wilcox Genealogy, published by Lieutenant William Alonzo Wilcox, of Scranton, Pa., January 4, 1789, and married *Isaac Brown*, son of *Isaac William Brown* and *Esther Barrington Brown*, said marriage having occurred on the 22d day of November, 1806. She died at German Flats, near the Classical Mohawk, in Herkimer County, May 17, 1813.

She is represented as an embodiment of kindness and goodness and was ardently loved by her children. Her body was laid to rest in a little country burying ground, which many decades ago was abandoned as a place for the burial of the dead. Many of her descendants in late years have visited the place of her interment, but at none of these pilgrimages has it been possible to find her grave. Many of the tombstones are broken, scattered and misplaced, while the little

resting place is covered with trees of great size that have grown since her form was there placed in final rest. This abandoned cemetery is either on the farm owned by her and her husband, Isaac Brown, or certainly close to such farm. From its location, there is presented a most charming view of the valley below and the rolling hills of old Herkimer County. There is a sweetness and sadness combined with veneration for the dead, the joy and life of other days, whose forms are there in eternal rest. Such were the sentiments which impressed Mrs. Brown and myself during my last visit to the tomb of the mother of my honored father, in June, 1919. An incident was then called to mind which occurred only a day or two after her interment. My father, Rasselas Wilcox Brown, was her first-born, and was but four years old at the time of her death. I think it was the next day after her burial that the little Rasselas was missing from the bereaved home, and after search for him, he was found at her grave trying to exhume her loved form. Here was exhibited combined love and grief not often surpassed.

The descendants of this *Polly Wilcox Brown* little realize what an important factor in Genealogy she is to them and their posterity. The blood of nearly all the great New England families, which now courses through their veins would be wanting had she not married into our family of Browns. What a brittle line it is that connects us with those primitive New England families. It seems the more brittle in that this important marriage was consummated in 1806, and she died in 1813, and gave birth to but three children, one of whom died unmarried. Were it not for that marriage of 1806, we could not claim the Stantons, the Denisons, the Palmers, the Lords, the Pendletons, the Wilcoxs, the Randalls and many others as our kindred in direct lines of descent.

THEIR CHILDREN:

RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN, b. September 30, 1809; d. June 27, 1887.
(*My father.*)

MARY ANN BROWN, b. June 22, 1811.

ISAAC BROWN, b. August 3, 1812; d. December 9, 1832.

(See Brown Lines for descendants of *Polly Wilcox Brown.*)

ADDITIONAL WILCOX DATA.

Colonel William Pendleton Wilcox, brother of Polly Wilcox Brown, was born in Herkimer County, N. Y., May 30, 1794. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. At one time he was sheriff of Allegheny County, N. Y. In 1831 he located in McKean County, Pa., where he represented large land interests. In 1835 he was elected to the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania. To this position he was reelected for three consecutive terms. Subsequently he was elected as a State Senator, and in 1845 he became President of the Senate. Again in 1858 and 1859, he was returned to the House of Representatives. Colonel Wilcox was a distinguished man in every direction. A gentleman, kind and generous. He died at Port Allegany, Pa., April 13, 1868. The writer visited him at his home not long before he died, and memory of his appearance then is clear and impression was given that he was a man whose example was safe to follow. His first wife was Betsey Payne, by whom he had children: Elvira Zeviah, Alonzo Isaiah, and Clarissa Prudelia. His second marriage was with Esther Swift, with whom there was no issue. Colonel Pendleton Wilcox was buried at Port Allegany, Pa.

Nathan Pendleton Wilcox, brother of the preceding, was born in Herkimer County, N. Y., and lived at Nunda, N. Y., and his profession was that of an Architect; he married Laurancie, daughter of William and Sarah Richardson, of Madison County, N. Y. They had two sons, Thomas Jefferson, who died in infancy, and Nathan Pendleton. He died April 24, 1833. His widow married William Williams, of Smethport, Pa.

Hon. Alonzo Isaiah Wilcox, son of Colonel William Pendleton Wilcox, was born at Danube, Herkimer County, N. Y., March 22, 1819. On June 2, 1846, he married Lovisa, daughter of Judge Isaac and Lucy Horton. She died January 3, 1881, at Kendall, Pa., aged 65 years. He died July 28, 1899, at Hackensack, N. J. They had four children, all but one, Ida, died without issue. Ida married a lawyer, Ernest H. Koester, who died at Hackensack, N. J.

Alonzo Isaiah Wilcox, I knew him well. Certainly a more generous and kind man I have never met in the journey of life. He loaned me money in my college days, and his acts of affection and generosity presented him as a most remarkable man. He was always in good nature, full of fun, and about the best story-teller I ever met. He was several times rich and then misfortune would turn on him, and while he never wanted, he at times was not far from the point where he needed help. He was a lumberman, a producer of oil; he built the first mill at Buena Vista, Elk County, Pa. The name of this place was changed to Wilcox in his honor, which it is said was done at the suggestion of President Buchanan. He served as Colonel on the staff of Governor Packer, of Pennsylvania, and was also Colonel on the staff of Governor Geary. Several times he was elected as a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature and he held other offices, which indicates that his popularity was general and sincere. Certainly no man ever lived in Elk County, Pa., who was held in higher regard than Hon. Alonzo Isaiah Wilcox. He and his family frequently visited the home of Rasselas Wilcox Brown, my father.

Nathan Pendleton Wilcox, born at Nunda, N. Y., May 16, 1832. He was a son of Nathan Pendleton Wilcox, who was born May 3, 1804, hereinbefore referred to. He was married at Coventry, N. Y., October 6, 1856, to Celestine, daughter of John and Nancy Birge.

His education was acquired at Nunda, N. Y., Academy. Was a leading merchant at Olean, N. Y., and Nicholson, Pa., where he was a leading and influential citizen. For decades he was an elder in the Presbyterian Church and a leading representative of that Church in their General Assemblages. For many years he was engaged as a surveyor.

THEIR CHILDREN WERE:

WILLIAM ALONZO, b. at Olean, July 25, 1857.

CLARA BIRGE, b. at Olean, March 28, 1859.

HENRY PENDLETON, b. at Olean, December 28, 1860.

ANNA JANET, b. at Nicholson, Pa., July 25, 1862.

William Alonzo Wilcox, born at Olean, N. Y., July 25, 1857; married April 22, 1885, Katherine, daughter of Hon. Steuben

and Katharine Jenkins, of Wyoming, Pa. Mr. Wilcox is a son of the preceding, Nathan Pendleton Wilcox, and is a lawyer by profession, now practicing in the Courts of Pennsylvania, with offices at Scranton, Pa. He is one of the incorporators of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. He is public spirited, energetic and has the limitless confidence of his fellow citizens.

THEIR CHILDREN ARE:

MAJOR WILLIAM JENKINS WILCOX, now practicing law at Harrisburg, Pa.; date of birth, March 17, 1886.

EMILY, b. January 7, 1889.

HELEN, b. March 4, 1892.

STEPHEN and HENRY (twins), b. January 31, 1898. The former d. January 7, 1899, and the latter d. April 23, 1899.

Henry Pendleton Wilcox, brother of the preceding, born at Olean, N. Y., December 28, 1860; married July 24, 1886, to Rosamond, daughter of Miles Avery, of East Lemon, Wyoming County, Pa., and had one child, Esther, who was born April 19, 1887, and died May 11, 1902. Mrs. Wilcox died January 20, 1899. Mr. Wilcox was a merchant and pharmacist. A leading member of the Presbyterian Church at Nicholson. His neighbors knew him as a sincere, kindly and just man, generous, faithful, and true.

NOTE.—In this publication we are usually limited to lineal descendants and regret that so little data is given regarding the Wilcox Family. References are made to but few families, and most of those who located in Pennsylvania.

Direct descent of our Brown Family.

EDWARD WILCOX and —————.

STEPHEN WILCOX and HANNAH HAZARD.

EDWARD WILCOX and MARY HAZARD.

STEPHEN WILCOX and MERCY RANDALL.

ISAIAH WILCOX and SARAH LEWIS.

ISAIAH WILCOX and POLLY PENDLETON.

POLLY WILCOX and ISAAC BROWN, JR.

RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN and MARY POTTER BROWNELL.

ISAAC BROWNELL BROWN and HANNAH PARTINGTON.

RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN and BONNELL JOURDET.

RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN, THE THIRD.

THE AVERY FAMILY.

Christopher Avery was born in England in about 1590. The name of his wife has not been ascertained. She either died before her husband migrated to America, or did not come with him, so says Wheeler's History of Stonington.

Christopher Avery located at Gloucester, Massachusetts, where he was selectman in 1646, 1652, and 1654. In 1658 he owned and sold lands in Gloucester and removed to Boston, where he made land purchases, among which was a lot now included in the territory upon which the United States Post Office is located, facing on Devonshire Street. Mr. Avery soon after moved to Connecticut, and in 1665 purchased a home in New London, where he died on March 12, 1670.

The name Christopher is very common in this Avery Family, as it is found in succeeding generations. A descendant of this Christopher Avery had the same name and was among the Connecticut people who migrated to the Wyoming Valley and was killed in the Wyoming Massacre, July 3, 1778.

HIS CHILD:

So far as has been ascertained, the progenitor of this family in America had but one child, who is designated as follows:

CAPTAIN JAMES AVERY, was b. in England, in 1620, and came to America with his father, with whom he lived at Gloucester, Massachusetts, for several years, after which he preceded his father in removing to New London, where in 1650 he acquired large tracts of land at or near Groton, New London, and along the Thames River.

In the military establishments of his time, this Avery was Ensign, Lieutenant and Captain in the New London companies. He served throughout the noted King Philip Indian War. Aside from his prominence in military affairs, he was also prominent in civil life, having served as Depute to the General Court, from 1656 to 1680. His activities in church, civil affairs, and as a soldier would place him among the eminent men of his time.

He married first November 10, 1643, *Joanna Greenslade*, who was born in about 1622. She died after 1693, and he

married second Mrs. Abigal Ingraham Cheesbrough, July 4, 1698. There were no children by second marriage. Captain James Avery died April 18, 1700.

CHILDREN :

HANNAH, b. at Gloucester, October 11, 1644; m. Ephraim Miner, June 20, 1666.

JAMES, b. at Gloucester, December 15, 1646; m. Deborah Sterling, February 18, 1669.

MARY, b. February 19, 1648; m. Joseph Miner, October 28, 1668.

THOMAS, b. May 6, 1651; m. Hannah Miner, October 22, 1677.

JOHN, b. February 10, 1654; m. Abigal Cheesebrough.

REBECCA, b. October 6, 1656; m. *William Potts*, of New Castle, England, August 5, 1678. (See William Potts Line.)

JONATHAN, b. January 5, 1658; buried September 15, 1681.

CHRISTOPHER, b. April 30, 1661; d. December 8, 1683.

SAMUEL, b. August 14, 1664; m. Susannah Palma, October 25, 1686.

JOANNA, b. in 1669.

Here we leave the record of the Avery Family, as to descendants, but it is just to say that there is pride in that our family of Browns has a descent from this Avery Family, that contributed so much to the development of Connecticut and Rhode Island, in Colonial days and later on in fighting the battles for American Independence. Some of the Avery Family joined the Pilgrims to take up their abode in the historical Wyoming Valley in Pennsylvania, where at least one of the descendants, Christopher Avery, was one of the victims in the horrible Wyoming Massacre.

In Colonial Wars, in the American Revolution, and other wars, the Avery Family has shown the mettle of which it is made.

Line of direct descent from Christopher Avery to this Brown Family.

CHRISTOPHER AVERY and —————.

CAPTAIN JAMES AVERY and JOANNA GREENSLADE.

REBECCA AVERY and WILLIAM POTTS.

PATIENCE POTTS and JOSEPH PENDLETON.

COLONEL WILLIAM PENDLETON and LYDIA BURROWS.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM PENDLETON and LYDIA PALMER.

POLLY PENDLETON and ISAIAH WILCOX.

POLLY WILCOX and ISAAC BROWN, JR.

RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN and MARY POTTER BROWNELL.

ISAAC BROWNELL BROWN and HANNAH PARTINGTON.

RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN and BONNELL JOURDET.

RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN, THE THIRD.

THE BURROWS FAMILY.

Robert Burrows appears to be the first of this family in America. He first settled in Boston or in that locality, and thence to Withersfield, Connecticut, where he was a land-owner in 1641. He married Mary, the widow of Samuel Ireland, prior to 1642, and moved to New London in about 1650, and soon settled at Poquonnock, where he was one of the earliest settlers on the west side of the Mystic River. He died in 1682, and his wife died October 2, 1672.

CHILDREN :

JOHN, b. 1642-43.

SAMUEL, —————.

John Burrows married *Hannah Culver*, born April 11, 1651, she being the daughter of *Edward* and *Ann Culver*. This marriage was celebrated as occurring the 14th day of December, 1670. *John Burrows* died at Groton, Connecticut, February 12, 1716.

CHILDREN :

JOHN, b. in 1671.

MARY, —————.

MARGARET, —————.

SAMUEL, m. Mary Chester.

ROBERT, —————.

JEREMIAH, —————.

ISAAC, —————.

John Burrows, born in 1671, died at Groton, in 1752. He married *Lydia Hubbard*, daughter of *Hugh* and *Jane Latham Hubbard*, October 14, 1700.

CHILDREN :

JOHN, b. November 14, 1701.

LYDIA, b. April 19, 1703; m. *Colonel William Pendleton*, March 10, 1726.

MARY, b. November 4, 1704; m. Nathan Fish.

HUBBARD, b. February 10, 1707; m. Mary Denison.

HANNAH, b. January 23, 1709; m. William Denison, January 30, 1733.

SILAS, b. October 4, 1710; m. Hannah Gore.

ABIGAL, b. July 19, 1712; m. ——— Latham.

AMOS, b. August 6, 1714; m. Mary Rathbun.

NOTE.—Robert Burrows, the progenitor above named, was the first ferryman on the Mystic River. A study of the genealogies of the Wheeler, Burrows, Gore and Pendleton Families will show that *John Burrows*, who was born in 1671, is a common ancestor to Judge Richard A. Wheeler, the author of the History of Stonington, and our Family of Browns. The relationship is remote, but it is prized highly in that Judge Wheeler wrote genealogies of the Stonington Families.

Direct line of descent from Robert Burrows to our Brown Family.

ROBERT BURROWS and MRS. SAMUEL IRELAND.

JOHN BURROWS and ANN CULVER.

JOHN BURROWS and LYDIA HUBBARD.

LYDIA BURROWS and COLONEL WILLIAM PENDLETON.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM PENDLETON and LYDIA PALMER.

POLLY PENDLETON and ISAIAH WILCOX.

POLLY WILCOX and ISAAC BROWN, JR.

RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN and MARY POTTER BROWNELL.

ISAAC BROWNELL BROWN and HANNAH PARTINGTON.

RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN and BONNELL JOURDET.

RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN, THE THIRD.

THE WILLIAM COPP FAMILY.

William Copp was born in England in about 1609, and came to America in the good ship "Blessing" in 1635, when Mr. Copp was 26 years of age. He came to America direct from London, England, and located in Massachusetts, and on the 2d of June, 1641, was admitted as a Freeman.

Only the given name of his wife is known, for in Wheeler's History her name is given "*Judith ———.*"

CHILDREN :

JOANNA, b. in England.

ANN, b. in England; m. *Thomas Saxton*.

DAVID, b. in England; m. Obedience Topliff.

NAOME, b. in Boston, August 5, 1638.

JONATHAN, b. August 23, 1640.

REBECCA, b. May 6, 1641.

RUTH, b. November 24, 1643.

LYDIA, b. in July, 1646.

In the publication found there is but little data given of these who are descendants of the above named children. Usually the names, date of birth, and in a few instances, the marriages, are given. In this compilation our Brown Family being descended from Thomas Saxton and Ann Copp Saxton, no account is given of the descendants of the rest of the children of William Copp, further than appears above.

It is proper to observe that the Copp Family had intermarriage with the Stanton, the Mason, the Chad Brown, the Denison and other leading New England families, which indicates that the Copp Family was of character.

Direct descent from William Copp to this Brown Family.

WILLIAM COPP and JUDITH ———.

ANN COPP and THOMAS SAXTON.

JOSEPH SAXTON and HANNAH CHEESEBROUGH DENISON.

JERUSHA SAXTON and NEHEMIAH PALMER.

MOSES PALMER and ABIGAL ALLEN.

ABIJAH PALMER and DOROTHY PALMER.

LYDIA PALMER and CAPTAIN WILLIAM PENDLETON.

POLLY PENDLETON and ISAIAH WILCOX.

POLLY WILCOX and ISAAC BROWN, JR.

RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN and MARY POTTER BROWNELL.

ISAAC BROWNELL BROWN and HANNAH PARTINGTON.

RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN and BONNELL JOURDET.

RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN, THE THIRD.

THE DENISON FAMILY.

It would be difficult to find in all New England a lineage of more striking characters than are discovered in the Denison Family. The record of some of the family reads like a story.

of romance, and no history of early Colonial times would be complete without a place for this distinguished family.

The Denison Family of New England was originally from Bishops Stratford, Hartfordshire, England. This is found in the old Parish Register. The family being cotemporary in England with the great writer, William Shakespeare.

John Denison, according to Wheeler, page 334, was living at Stratford in 1567, and died there of plague, being buried December 4, 1582. His wife was Agnes, whose surname is not ascertained.

CHILDREN OF JOHN AND AGNES DENISON:

LUCE, bap. 1567; buried at Stratford, December 9, 1582.

WILLIAM, bap. at Stratford, February 3, 1571.

EDWARD, bap. at Stratford, April 6, 1575.

MARY, bap. at Stratford, April 28, 1577.

ELIZABETH, bap. at Stratford, August 23, 1579.

GEORGE, bap. at Stratford, March 17, 1582.

William Denison married *Margaret Chandler Monck*, at Stratford, November 7, 1603. He was "very well seated in Stratford" but hearing then of the famous transplantation to New England, embarked for America in 1631. His son, Daniel, was at Cambridge University in England, who together with Edward and *George* came with their father to the American Colonies. John, another son, a graduate of Cambridge, did not come with the family. *William Denison* brought with him to New England a very good estate and settled at Roxbury, Massachusetts, and there lived until January 25, 1653, when he died. His wife died about 1645.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM AND MARGARET DENISON:

JOHN, bap. at Stratford, April 7, 1605; educated at Cambridge and became a minister.

WILLIAM, bap. at Stratford, October 5, 1606. It is recorded of William that "at about the age of 18 years must needs go a soldier into Holland in the year 1624, at the famous siege of Breda, when it was taken by Spinola and Count Mansfield, who had an army out of England to raise the siege, but the army miscarried and this William was never heard of again."

GEORGE, bap. at Stratford, October 15, 1609, and buried there 1615.

DANIEL, bap. at Stratford, October 18, 1612; graduated at Cambridge University.

SARAH, bap. and buried at Stratford, in 1615.

EDWARD, bap. at Stratford, November 3, 1616; went to New England in 1631.

GEORGE, bap. at Stratford, December 10, 1620; went to New England in 1631.

George Denison married about 1640, *Bridget Thompson*. She was a daughter of *John Thompson* and *Alice*, his wife. *Mr. Thompson* is represented as a "Gentleman of Preston, of Northampshire, England." *Mrs. Bridget Thompson Denison* died in 1643. They had two children.

SARAH, b. March 20, 1641; m. Thomas Stanton.

HANNAH, b. May 20, 1643; m. first Nathaniel Cheesebrough, and second, *Captain Joseph Saxton*.

(For record of Hannah Denison, see Saxton Family.)

George Denison, above named, very generally called Captain George Denison, was an officer of the New England Military Establishment, of greater note in Indian wars than any other person of his time. (See "Westerly and Her Witnesses.") Having buried his estimable and cultured wife in 1643, he returned the same year to England and engaged in the Civil War there being waged. In this war he was taken prisoner and wounded. He was at the Battle of York, called Marston Moor, where he rendered the father country distinguished service. While recovering from his wounds he formed an acquaintance with Ann Boradell, daughter of John Boradell, of Cork, Ireland, with whom he was again married. In 1646, he returned to America with his wife and one son, John, who died young. His residence for a time was in New London, then Stonington, and several other places, including Hartford. Captain Denison was commander of the forces of New London County, in King Philip's War, in the great swamp fight, December 19, 1675. Also served the next year in command of the forces, raised by him, and pursued the remnant of the Narragansett and Wampanaug Indians, and succeeded in defeating them and capturing their chief, Canonchet, who was brought to Stonington, and having refused to keep peace with the pale faces, he was put to death,

but met his fate with a bravery characteristic of the Chiefs of the Narragansett Indians.

In the records of the Colonies of Connecticut and Massachusetts, evidence is not wanting to show the distinguished services of Captain Denison, as a prominent, active and wealthy citizen, but we find that he became the most distinguished soldier of Connecticut in early settlements. "His military services are on record in our Colonial Archives, where his eminence is recognized and portrayed."

In the History of Stonington, at pages 338 and 339, will be found the line of descent from Captain George Denison to Admiral Dewey, of the U. S. Navy. What a study is thus presented. At one end of the line is Captain George Denison, in the middle of the Seventeenth Century, fighting the aborigines of America, and on the other side of the earth, is Denison's descendant, Admiral Dewey, fighting the Battle of Manila Bay. Some strides in "Westward the Star of Empire takes its Course," since the Denison Family came to America.

Hannah Denison, as before indicated, married first Nathaniel Cheesebrough, and second Captain Joseph Saxton, and through their daughter, *Jerusha Saxton*, our Brown Family is descended through the Palmer, Pendleton and Wilcox Lines.

Direct line of descent.

JOHN DENISON and AGNES ———.

WILLIAM DENISON and MARGARET CHANDLER MONCK.

CAPTAIN GEORGE DENISON and BRIDGET THOMPSON.

HANNAH DENISON and CAPTAIN JOSEPH SAXTON.

NEHEMIAH PALMER and JERUSHA SAXTON.

ABIJAH PALMER and DOROTHY PALMER.

LYDIA PALMER and CAPTAIN WILLIAM PENDLETON.

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RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN, THE THIRD.

THE GILBERT FAMILY.

But little has been learned concerning the Gilbert Family, from which our Brown Family is descended, through the Palmer, Pendleton and Wilcox Families. From New England Genealogies some references are made to this family, from which the following is given:

John Gilbert, probably born in England. He came to America prior to 1680, and married *Amie Lord*.

How many children resulted from this marriage has not been ascertained, but in the Cheesebrough Genealogy, at page 527, it is found there was a daughter named Dorothy.

Dorothy Gilbert, married in 1672 *Moses Palmer*, a son of *Walter Palmer*, who was the progenitor of his family in America.

NOTE.—It seems to be a certainty that there is a Gilbert Line which descends lineally from William, the Conqueror. It is claimed that this Gilbert Family is that family line, and it is certain also that in genealogies of such lineage, it is so given, but so far as I have ascertained, the details of the line of descent are not given. In Wheeler's History of Stonington, reference is made to the above named *Dorothy Gilbert*, as follows: "Moses Palmer, born in Charlestown, Mass., came to Stonington via Rehoboth with his father's family, and married Dorothy, daughter of John and Amy (Lord) Gilbert, a direct descendant of William, the Conqueror, in 1672."

It might be a mark of distinction to be of Royal Blood, but there are many cases where such connection would not be a crown of earthly glory. Perhaps the time will come, if Republics are to be perpetuated, that searching for Royal Blood will not be popular. There is, therefore, satisfaction in allowing my ancestor, Dorothy Gilbert, to remain in this record just the daughter of John and Amie Lord Gilbert, and the honored wife of Moses Palmer.

(See Palmer, Pendleton and Wilcox Lines for descent to our family of Browns.)

Direct line of descent from John Gilbert.

JOHN GILBERT and AMIE LORD.

DOROTHY GILBERT and MOSES PALMER.

MOSES PALMER and ABIGAL ALLEN.

DOROTHY PALMER and ABIJAH PALMER.

LYDIA PALMER and CAPTAIN WILLIAM PENDLETON.

POLLY PENDLETON and ISAIAH WILCOX.

POLLY WILCOX and ISAAC BROWN, JR.

RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN and MARY POTTER BROWNELL.

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RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN, THE THIRD.

THE EDMOND GOODENOW FAMILY.

Captain Edmond Goodenow was a resident of Sudbury, Massachusetts, as early as November 28, 1639, the date of the birth of his daughter, Hannah Goodenow.

He was a native of Dunhead, Wiltshire, England, but the time of his emigration to America is not known, though it must have been during the early developments of New England.

In the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, some references are made to him in Volume 9, page 357, of that publication. From this Register of Persons at that early day it is represented that Captain Edmond Goodenow was a man of prominence at Sudbury, and for many years he was the representatives of that place in the General Court.

Further than this and the reference to him in the Pendleton Genealogy, little information is at hand that discloses his life work or his ancestors.

As to his descendants, there is at hand information of but one child.

HANNAH GOODENOW.

Hannah Goodenow was the daughter of Captain Edmond Goodenow and Hannah, his wife, whose full name is not known. She lived at Sudbury probably all of her life, as she was living there as late as 1725. Sudbury was the place of her birth, which occurred on the 28th of November, 1639. Her marriage with Captain James Pendleton took place April 29, 1656, at Sudbury. This Captain Pendleton was the son of Brian Pendleton, the first of that family to arrive in America.

Direct line of descent from Captain Edmond Goodenow.

EDMOND GOODENOW and HANNAH ———.

JAMES PENDLETON and HANNAH GOODENOW.

JOSEPH PENDLETON and PATIENCE POTTS.

COLONEL WILLIAM PENDLETON and LYDIA BURROWS.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM PENDLETON and LYDIA PALMER.

POLLY PENDLETON and ISAIAH WILCOX.

POLLY WILCOX and ISAAC BROWN, JR.

RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN and MARY POTTER BROWNELL.

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THE HAZARD FAMILY.

In the Hazard Family there are leading characteristics, which are seen in the family from the time of the landing of the Progenitor in America down through the career of his descendants, which seem to place this group in a class by itself. If Thomas Hazard, the first in America, could awaken from his slumbers and view the lines of his descendants in the world's activities, he would then know as we may hope he does, what a wonderful people have descended from Thomas and Martha Hazard.

If distinguished services in defense of the Republic on its fields of battle in every war in which America has been engaged, are commendable, then there is for the Hazards a place in history scarcely excelled by any American family. In a just cause, heroism and gallantry, must be a crown of glory. In the American Revolution, the Hazards were conspicuous. In the Second War for American Independence, their services were important and accentuated by the distinguished descendant, who commanded in the Battle of Lake Erie, Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry. There he uttered words, in history famous: "We have met the enemy and they are ours." This utterance might be appropriately applied as the slogan of the Hazard Family. In the activities of our existence, their invincibility has been established.

In the Mexican War, another distinguished son of this Hazard group, Commodore Matthew Calbraith Perry, added

brilliancy to the American Navy, while in command of the Gulf Squadron in the Battle of Vera Cruz. The Hazards have been conspicuously prominent in the United States Navy.

Their name was legion in the Civil War. Their response to the call of President Lincoln was strikingly spontaneous and they shed their blood from the "*Call to Arms*" to the furling of Secession's Flag. Of the many who thus went to the rescue of the Republic, was General Peace Rodman. As Colonel of the gallant old Fourth Rhode Island Infantry, he led that command on hotly contested fields of action. Soon he arose to the rank of Brigadier General, and led the Third Division of the Ninth Corps in that most bloody Battle of Antietam, where his breast was pierced by a minnie ball, which caused his death. He was a typical American volunteer soldier and "Soldier of the Cross," as well. His Bible was found in his bosom, clotted with his patriotic blood. What a blending of heroism and Christian devotion!

Not only in war, but in all other engagements, and in all the professions, their pluck and courage have led to achievements, which have made the name of Hazard eminent.

THOMAS HAZARD. The first of this family to arrive in America was *Thomas Hazard*, born in England in 1610; died in 1680; married *Martha* ———, who died in 1669, by whom he had four children. He married second another *Martha*, but there seems to have been no issue by this second marriage.

The name of *Thomas Hazard* is first found in Boston, Mass., in 1635, where in 1638, he was made a freeman. Two years later he was made a freeman of Portsmouth, Rhode Island. In 1639 he became one of the eight founders of Newport. In 1640 he was appointed a member of the General Court of Elections.

CHILDREN:

ROBERT HAZARD, b. in 1635, in England or Ireland; d. in 1710; m. *Mary Brownell*.

ELIZABETH HAZARD, m. George Lawton.

HANNAH HAZARD, m. *Stephen Wilcox*, son of *Edward Wilcox*.

MARTHA HAZARD, m. first Ichabod Potter, and second Benjamin Mowry.

ROBERT HAZARD, born in 1635, married *Mary Brownell*, daughter of *Thomas* and *Anne Brownell*, was a very wealthy man, owning large tracts of land which he willed to the members of his family. Among these tracts of land was the famed "Point Judith." *Mary Brownell Hazard* was a lady of marked ability, generous and kind and noted also for charitable work among the sick and poor, but at the same time was held in high esteem by the rich as well as the poor. She was born in 1639, and died in 1739, and according to the *Boston Gazette*, she was exactly one hundred years of age.

CHILDREN:

THOMAS HAZARD, b. 1660; m. Susannah Nichols; d. 1746.

GEORGE HAZARD, m. Penelope Arnold.

STEPHEN HAZARD, m. Elizabeth Helme.

MARTHA HAZARD, m. Thomas Wilcox, son of Stephen Wilcox.

MARY HAZARD, m. *Edward Wilcox*, son of *Stephen Wilcox*.

ROBERT HAZARD, m. Amey ———.

JEREMIAH HAZARD, m. Mary Smith.

HANNAH HAZARD, m. Jeffrey Champlin.

Mary Hazard, above named, granddaughter of the Progenitor, *Thomas Hazard*, married *Edward Wilcox*, who was the son of *Stephen Wilcox*, who married *Hannah Hazard*, who was aunt to this *Mary Hazard*. These marriages carry to the Wilcox Family the blood of the Hazard Group. Following is the other Hazard Line, which also was merged into the Wilcox and Brown Lines.

HANNAH HAZARD, daughter of the Progenitor, *Thomas Hazard*, married *Stephen Wilcox*, son of *Edwin Wilcox*. Said *Stephen Wilcox* having been born 1633, or about that time. In this union the Hazard blood is carried to the Wilcox Line through *Hannah*, the daughter of the Progenitor of the Hazard Family. Again, as before stated, the Hazard blood is carried to the Wilcox-Brown Lines by *Mary Hazard*, who was the granddaughter of the Progenitor, by virtue of her marriage with *Edward Wilcox*.

Then again, Martha Hazard, sister of *Mary Hazard*, married Thomas Wilcox, son of *Edward Wilcox*. From these Brownell, Hazard and Wilcox marriages, it would seem that

our family of Browns descended from the Wilcox Family, has a goodly supply of *Hazard blood*, but as it is good blood, it is not "an overdose" by any means.

In the Genealogy of the Hazard Family, as to its characteristics, it is stated: "In the early history, of the family, it was almost an exception to find a Hazard who did not marry a cousin, and it is a curious fact that in the lines in which these marriages were the most frequent, were often marked by the strongest men and women, both mentally and physically."

It has been also written of this family: "Few families in Rhode Island have a brighter record than the Hazard Family, where if greatness is not always found, sobriety, honesty and integrity make even the humblest lives worth studying. And when one finds, as is often the case, a retiring, unpretentious modesty, combined with greatness, he must be pardoned for his enthusiastic admiration for the old family tree, that still sends out vigorous shoots of more than two hundred years of growth in America."

To follow down the lines of this wonderful family is a pleasure, but my compilation is arranged to give only the ancestral lines down to where our lines branch off.

There are so many of the Hazard Family that are eminent that it would be a delight to go further in this interesting study even though I have never known but very few people of the Hazard Family. I must be excused for mentioning the name of Miss Caroline Hazard, whom I had the pleasure of meeting, when she was President of Wellesley College, in 1902. Her accomplishments, her literary productions, her success as a great educator, her tact and ability, displayed when at the head of that superb educational institution, Wellesley College, and in general her life work, all these place her in American history among the very best of American women.

For the children of those of the Hazard Family, who intermarried with *Edward* and *Stephen Wilcox*, see the Wilcox Line.

DR. THOMAS LORD FAMILY.

From New England Genealogies the following data has been assembled in reference to the Dr. Thomas Lord Family:

Thomas Lord was probably born in England, and the year of his birth was 1585. The Christian name of his wife was Dorothy, who was born in England in 1589. They came to America, where they landed April 29, 1635, having made the voyage in the good ship "Elizabeth and Ann."

Thomas Lord and *Dorothy* were married in England in 1610. Mrs. Lord died in 1676, aged 87 years. She made her will and sealed it with the arms of the "Lord, alias Laward" Family. In the genealogy of the Thomas Stanton Family, a full explanation is given this case of heraldry.

From Hartford records it would seem that this family immediately settled in Hartford, where he was afterwards granted a license to practice his profession, as indicated by the following:

"COURTE in HARTFORD 30th of June 1652.

"Thomas Lord having ingaged to this Courte to continue his abode in Hartford for the next ensuing yeare, and to improve his best skill amongst the inhabitants of the towns upon the River within this jurisdiction both for setting bones and otherwise, as at all times, occasions and necessityes may or shall require; This Courte doth grant that hee shall bee paid by the Countey the sum of fifteen pounds for the said ensuing yeare, and they doe declare that for every visitt or journye that hee shall take or make, being sent for to any house in Hartford, twelve pence is reasonable, to any house in Wyndsor, five shillings, to any house in Wethersfield, three shillings, to any house in Farmington, six shillings (hee having promised that hee will require no more,) and that hee shall bee free for the time aforesaid, from watching, warding, and training; but not from finding armes, according to lawe."

Dr. Lord was one of the Hooker Party that founded Hartford in 1636, and as such his name appears on the old monument in a churchyard in Hartford, upon which are carved the names of all the Hartford founders.

CHILDREN:

RICHARD, b. in 1611.

THOMAS, JR., b. in 1619.

ANN, b. 1621; m. *Thomas Stanton*.

WILLIAM, b. 1623.

JOHN, b. 1624.

ROBERT, b. 1626.

AYMIE, b. 1629.

DOROTHY, b. 1630.

All the children were born in England.

NOTE.—Richard Lord, above named, son of *Thomas Lord* and *Dorothy Lord*, and brother to *Ann Lord Stanton*, was called Captain, having organized the first Troop of Cavalry in Connecticut. He was a leading merchant of Hartford and occupies a prominent place in Connecticut history, in that he was one of the body corporate to whom *King Charles of England* granted the famous Connecticut Charter, April 21, 1662. The name of Captain Richard Lord appears on the Founders' Monument at Hartford. There are on the Hartford Founders' Monument the names of two of our ancestors—Thomas Stanton and Thomas Lord—and his son, Captain Richard Lord.

Direct descent from the Lord Family to our Brown Family.

DR. THOMAS LORD and DOROTHY ———.

ANN LORD and THOMAS STANTON.

HANNAH LORD and NEHEMIAH PALMER.

ABIJAH PALMER and JERUSHA SAXTON.

LYDIA PALMER and CAPTAIN WILLIAM PENDLETON.

POLLY PENDLETON and ISAIAH WILCOX.

POLLY WILCOX and ISAAC BROWN, JR.

RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN and MARY POTTER BROWNELL.

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THE PENDLETON FAMILY.

The Pendleton Family in the early history of New England was among the most important, influential and active that came to America and battled against the most adverse circumstances in the establishment of a nation whose corner stone was to be freedom, both religious and political.

The story of their early struggles is of wonderful interest, and the manner in which they encountered the almost unsolvable problems of existence in those days of early development, reflects limitless credit upon the Pendleton Family. It

is certain that these Pendletons were almost, if not quite invincible, and that no emergency ever arose that conquered their invincibility.

Certainly they were a hardy people who were not only heroic but possessed of a religious fervor which made the family famous. Great as are the American people, their greatness would have been less without the courage, the industry, the determination, the morals and victories of those who came to crusade for freedom in Old New England.

Among those early families it would be difficult to find one that in any direction excelled the Pendleton Family, for the members thereof were just, they were invincible, and they gave to the world an example of manhood and womanhood worthy of emulation.

While for the first few generations the families were somewhat small in numbers, yet subsequent generations found the families prolific in the birth of children and practically every family was blessed by a goodly number of those who grew to bless their native land.

The Pendletons became numerous through New England and as "Westward the Star of Empire takes its Course" became the slogan of later days, the Pendletons almost led the adventurers who settled in every part of our great Republic, so that to-day the descendants of the early Pendletons are "as the sands of the seashore," a very important factor of the American population.

In this publication, which is designed to show our Brown Family Line and the connecting families, it is impossible to make any extended references to this remarkable family of Pendletons, and those who may desire to make a study of this early American family, are referred to the comprehensive publication entitled "Brian Pendleton and His Descendants," compiled by Everett Hall Pendleton, which may be found in all Genealogical Libraries.

THE PROGENITOR, BRIAN PENDLETON.

Brian Pendleton was born in England, it is said, in 1599. The exact date and the place of birth are not known, and but little is definitely known of his early history.

His career in the Colonies is fairly well known because from the first he was a man of distinction and so remained during all his Colonial life. He not only came of good stock, was fairly well educated, and was possessed of considerable wealth. He quickly became a large landowner in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine.

He first settled in Watertown, Mass., and was made freeman there September 3, 1634, and soon became Representative to the General Court. Subsequently he became a resident of Sudbury and Ipswich, Mass. He was a member of the far-famed "Ancient Artillery of Boston." He is found at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, in 1651, where he filled the position of Deputy for five years. He owned real estate at Winter Harbor, Saco, Maine. He was in all things an eminent man in his day, and in the military establishment of his time, he held the office of Captain, Major and Colonel. His membership in the Ancient Artillery Company gave him what seemed a necessity in those times, a proficiency in arms to enable him as an officer to meet the dangers encountered with the Indians. He was a Commissioner in the long controversy between the Colonies of Maine and Massachusetts. He was eminently prominent in Indian affairs and often his judgment prevailed in effecting settlements with the wild men of the forest. The history of all New England would be incomplete without a record of the career of Brian Pendleton.

Brian Pendleton was married to *Eleanor Price*, at St. Martin's Church in Birmingham, England, in 1619.

In so far as has been learned, *Brian Pendleton* and *Eleanor* had but three children, as follows:

MARY, who m. Rev. Seth Fletcher, who had one child named Pendleton Fletcher.

JAMES, b. about 1628; m. first Mary Palmer, and second *Hannah Goodenow*.

CALEB, m. Judith ———.

James Pendleton, the son of *Brian Pendleton*, was born in England about 1627 or 1628. He married at Sudbury, Mass., October 22, 1647, Mary Palmer, who died at Sudbury, November 7, 1655, and he married second, also at Sudbury, *Hannah Goodenow*, daughter of Captain Edmond

Goodenow; such marriage took place April 29, 1656. She was born at Sudbury, November 28, 1639. Her father was a native of Dunhead, Wiltshire, England, and was a prominent man of Sudbury, which he represented in the General Court for several years. He was an officer in the Colonial Wars and attained the rank of Captain, and died November 29, 1709.

CHILDREN BY SECOND MARRIAGE:

BRIAN, b. July 23, 1659.

JOSEPH, b. December 29, 1661, at Sudbury, Mass.; m. first Deborah Minor, and second *Patience Potts*.

EDMOND, b. June 24, 1665, at Portsmouth.

ANN, b. November 12, 1667, at Portsmouth; m. Eleazer Brown, probably of our Brown Family.

CALEB, b. August 8, 1669, at Portsmouth.

SARAH, bap. April 18, 1675, at Stonington, Connecticut.

ELEANOR, bap. July 20, 1679, at Stonington; m. William Walker.

DOROTHY, bap. October 3, 1686, at Stonington; m. Nicholas Cottrell, 3d.

Joseph Pendleton, born at Sudbury, December 29, 1661, and died in Westerly, R. I., September 18, 1706. His second wife was *Patience Potts*, to whom he was married December 11, 1700. He was a large landowner, having acquired some of the properties from his grandfather, *Brian Pendleton*. Numerous deeds are found on record to and from him. His military services are not well disclosed, but he was an officer in the military establishment and is referred to as "Ensign."

CHILDREN BY SECOND MARRIAGE:

JOSEPH, b. March 3, 1702; m. Sarah Worden. He was an officer in Colonial Wars and attained the rank of Colonel.

WILLIAM, b. March 23, 1704; m. first *Lydia Burrows*, and second Mrs. Mary Cheesebrough.

JOSHUA, b. February 22, 1705; m. Dorothea Ward.

Colonel *William Pendleton* was born at Westerly, R. I., March 23, 1704, and baptized at the First Church of Stonington, Conn., on the 28th day of May, 1704. He died at Westerly, August 23, 1786. History says he was one of the most prominent citizens Westerly ever had. He was a member of the General Assembly, and was prominent as a

military officer, holding all ranks up to and including Colonel. For his day, he was a man of great wealth and influence.

He was eminently prominent in all things that pertained to the public good. Cotemporary with the Tea Party at Boston, he was a member of the Westerly Convention, which was called to resist the British encroachments upon the Colonists, and was a member of the committee that prepared the First Declaration of Independence of Rhode Island. He was active in the Revolution that followed. He then held the rank of Colonel, but was too old to enter active service on the battlefield, but served as a recruiting officer and performed many other functions to carry on the struggle for American Independence. His will bears date of August 18, 1785. His first wife was *Lydia Burrows*, she being the daughter of John, Jr., and Lydia Hubbard Burrows. She was born at Groton, Connecticut, April 19, 1703, and died at Westerly, August 18, 1750.

CHILDREN BY FIRST MARRIAGE:

WILLIAM, b. February 11, 1726 or 1727; married three times.

AMOS, b. June 21, 1828; m. first Susannah Cheesebrough, second Anna Foster.

FREELOVE, b. October 30, 1731; m. Isaac Sheffield.

PELEG, b. July 9, 1733; m. Anne Park.

JOHN, b. May 22, 1737; m. Saba Thompson.

BENJAMIN, b. September 18, 1738; m. Lois Burdick.

LYDIA, b. March 22, 1740-41; m. Zebulon Cheesebrough, Jr.

JOSHUA, b. May 6, 1744; m. Anna Clark.

APHRAIM, b. July 14, 1746; m. Sarah Thompson.

Captain *William Pendleton* was born February 11, 1726, or 1727, and died at Northport, Maine, August 28, 1820. In 1760 he was living at Stonington and deeded his mansion place to his brother, Amos, for \$2,000.00. During the years between 1760 and 1769 he bought and sold property in large amounts, and a deed made the 24th day of March, 1760, was signed by his wife, Judith, whose surname was Carr.

Just when his first wife, Judith Carr, died, is not certain, but he married second *Lydia Palmer*, and through this second marriage, which occurred on the 22d of September, 1765, Mary or Polly Pendleton was born November 14, 1766, and

through this daughter connection is made with the Wilcox Family, and then our Brown Family. He had a third wife called Priscilla, to whom he was married long years afterwards, when he had moved to Islesboro, Maine. At the close of the record of the Palmer Family, prepared for this publication, may be found data in reference to the three marriages of this *William Pendleton*.

At one time he was the owner of a large part of the Islesboro Island, which is now so prominent a summer resort. In his last days he lived with his son, Harry or Henry. It appears that he provided for the support of his last wife, Priscilla. He was a Captain among the Minute Men of the Revolution, as appears by the Revolutionary records of Massachusetts, this compiler having secured a copy of his commission as Captain.

CHILDREN BY HIS SECOND WIFE:

MARY, or POLLY, b. November 14, 1766; m. *Isaiah Wilcox*.

BRIDGET, b. November 15, 1769; m. Robert Farnsworth.

JUDITH (twin with Bridget), m. James Sheffield.

DOROTHY (no further record).

Mary, or Polly Pendleton, daughter of Captain *William Pendleton* and *Lydia Pendleton*, was born November 14, 1766, probably at Stonington, Conn., and died the 18th of November, 1847, near Danube, Herkimer County, N. Y. She married at Westerly, R. I., January 22, 1788, *Isaiah Wilcox, Jr.*, son of Reverend *Isaiah Wilcox* and *Sarah Lewis Wilcox*.

Direct descent from Brian Pendleton to our Brown Family.

BRIAN PENDLETON and ELEANOR PRICE.

CAPTAIN JAMES PENDLETON and HANNAH GOODENOW.

JOSEPH PENDLETON and PATIENCE POTTS.

COLONEL WILLIAM PENDLETON and LYDIA BURROWS.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM PENDLETON and LYDIA PALMER.

POLLY PENDLETON and ISAIAH WILCOX.

POLLY WILCOX and ISAAC BROWN, JR.

RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN and MARY POTTER BROWNELL.

ISAAC BROWNELL BROWN and HANNAH PARTINGTON.

RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN and BONNELL JOURDET.

RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN, THE THIRD.

THE WILLIAM POTTS FAMILY.

In the genealogies at hand of New England, there are only references to this family, but these throw no light as to the history of the same, farther than to locate William Potts at New Castle, England, and again he is represented as living at New London. In his marriage to Rebecca Avery, in 1678, he is described as "William Potts of New Castle, England." In the marriage of his daughter as the second wife of Joseph Pendleton, he is represented as William Potts, and residing at New London, Connecticut.

The first wife of Ensign Joseph Pendleton was Deborah Miner, the daughter of Ephraim Miner and Hannah Avery Miner, and the second wife, Patience Potts, was a cousin, William Potts having married Rebecca Avery, both wives having a common ancestor in Captain James Avery.

Both the Avery and Pendleton Families were among the best in Connecticut, and it may be assumed that the intermarriage with the William Potts Family is an indication that William Potts and his descendants were of some worth.

It is to be regretted that so little is known of this family from which our Brown Family is descended.

Direct line of descent from William Potts.

WILLIAM POTTS and REBECCA AVERY.

JOSEPH PENDLETON and PATIENCE POTTS.

COLONEL WILLIAM PENDLETON and LYDIA BURROWS.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM PENDLETON and LYDIA PALMER.

POLLY PENDLETON and ISAIAH WILCOX.

POLLY WILCOX and ISAAC BROWN, JR.

RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN and MARY POTTER BROWNELL.

ISAAC BROWNELL BROWN and HANNAH PARTINGTON.

RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN and BONNELL JOURDET.

RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN, THE THIRD.

THE PALMER FAMILY.

Walter Palmer, the progenitor of that family, came to New England as early as 1628. Abraham Palmer, his brother, and nine associates came at the same time, or within a short time after the arrival of Walter. Abraham Palmer was a

merchant in London prior to his embarkation for the "*New Country*." It seems that for a very short time they were at Salem, from which place they left through a pathless wilderness to a place called by the Indians, Wishawam, where they remained until the next year. They there laid the foundations of a town which Walter Palmer called Charlestown, in honor of King Charles, the First, of England. This was in the year 1629, and history says that Walter Palmer built the first house in that locality. There he acquired a large amount of real estate, but yielding to the spirit of the "Westward" movement, he in 1643, with his friend, William Cheesebrough, of Boston, decided to remove to the Plymouth Colony, and with others joined in the organization of the town of Rohoboth. From this place, Walter Palmer was elected the first Representative to the General Court of Plymouth. He was thus a prominent man and he was the recipient of many other offices at the hands of the early settlers.

About the year 1652, Walter Palmer and his friend, William Cheesebrough, visited the valley of Wequetequock, and being delighted with that beautiful and charming country, decided to make it the place of their permanent abode. They subsequently called the place Stonington, at which in a short time, other adventurers arrived. It would be difficult to find any locality in America so prominent in the annals of American development as the town of Stonington, especially in the character, religious fervor, industry and courage of those who in its primitive days made up the population of Stonington and the adjacent territory.

The Cheesebrough Family, the Palmer, the Pendleton, the Mason, the Stanton, the Miner, the Wilcox, the Denison, the York, the Babcock, the Main, the Noyes, the Randall, the Wheeler, and the Brown Families, were of Stonington; intermarriages were frequent, the families were extremely large, the spirit of industry existed to a degree never excelled, and it follows that these families and the descendants have left their impress upon the world and made the world better for their sojourn here.

From Walter Palmer in regular line of descent came U. S. Grant, who led the Union Army to victory and established the supremacy of the American Union.

From Captain George Denison in direct line came Admiral Dewey, who on the first of May, 1898, fought the Battle of Manila Bay in the Spanish-American War. The number of descendants of these families is certainly legion, who have won distinction in life's battle. The Palmer Family has given forth an influence for good in all that makes life beautiful. Walter Palmer was a man of character worthy of emulation and his descendants are proud of the lineage of which he is the progenitor.

Walter Palmer was born in London, England, as early as 1585, and died at Stonington, November 10, 1661. He was married in England years before his embarkation for America. The full name of his wife is not found. The name of his second wife was Rebecca Short, who came to America in 1632, to whom he was married June 1, 1633. It is from Walter Palmer, and his second wife, Rebecca Short, that our Brown Family is descended.

CHILDREN BY SECOND MARRIAGE:

HANNAH, b. at Charlestown, June 15, 1634; m. Thomas Hewitt, April 26, 1663.

ELIHU, b. at Charlestown, and d. September 5, 1665.

NEHEMIAH, b. November 2, 1637; m. *Hannah Lord Stanton*.

MOSES, b. April 6, 1640; and m. *Dorothy Gilbert*.

BENJAMIN, b. May 30, 1642; m. August 10, 1681.

GRESHOM, b. at Rehoboth, and m. Ann Denison; m. second Elizabeth Mason.

REBECCA, b. in Stonington; m. first Elisha Cheesebrough, second John Baldwin.

The above named brothers, *Nehemiah* and *Moses*, are both ancestors of our Brown Family in direct line, as through intermarriages their blood was again reunited in *Lydia Palmer*, who married Captain *William Pendleton* on the 22d day of September, 1765, she being the great-granddaughter of both these brothers.

Nehemiah Palmer, brother of *Moses Palmer*, came to Stonington with his parents from Charlestown and Rehoboth, Massachusetts, and married *Hannah Lord Stanton*, November 20, 1662.

In Wheeler's History of Stonington, it is recorded that "He was a prominent man in the church, town, and the state, and was of the Governor's Council, of the Connecticut Colony for several years." He died February 17, 1717, and his wife died October 17, 1727.

THEIR CHILDREN:

JOSEPH, b. October 3, 1663.

ELIHU, b. March 12, 1666; d. young.

JONATHAN, b. August 17, 1668; m. Mary Manwarring.

DANIEL, b. November 12, 1672; m. Margaret Smith, second Mrs. Mary Avery Denison.

NEHEMIAH, bap. July 18, 1677; m. *Jerusha Saxton*.

HANNAH, bap. April 11, 1680; m. Ichabod Palmer.

Nehemiah Palmer, baptized July 18, 1677; married *Jerusha Saxton*, January 17, 1700. She being daughter of Captain *Joseph Saxton* and *Mrs. Hannah Denison Cheesebrough Saxton*.

CHILDREN BY THIS MARRIAGE:

SAXTON, b. November 29, 1701; m. Sarah Richardson.

THOMAS, b. January 7, 1703; m. Mrs. Priscilla (*Cheesebrough*) *Cheesebrough*.

JERUSHA, b. April 30, 1705; m. John Thompson.

NEHEMIAH, b. February 4, 1707; m. Mary Eldridge.

STEPHEN, b. May 1, 1709; m. Elizabeth Quimby.

ABIJAH, b. September 29, 1712; m. *Dorothy Palmer*.

THANKFUL, b. April 14, 1714.

DAVID, b. December 22, 1717.

BRIDGET, b. April 3, 1721; m. John Gallup.

Abijah Palmer, born September 29, 1712; died March 7, 1793; married *Dorothy Palmer*, December 2, 1733. She died March 10, 1741. He married second Bridget Stanton, April 10, 1742. *Dorothy Palmer* was the daughter of *Moses Palmer* and *Abigal Allen*.

CHILDREN BY FIRST MARRIAGE:

JERUSHA, b. May 16, 1734; m. Benjamin Adams.

LYDIA, b. July 24, 1736; m. Captain *William Pendleton*, September 22, 1765.

SAXTON, b. June 22, 1738.

DOROTHY, b. March 2, 1740.

Lydia Palmer, born July 24, 1736, married Captain *William Pendleton*, September 22, 1765. She being a direct descendant from *Walter Palmer*, the progenitor through his son *Nehemiah*, a brother of *Moses Palmer*.

Following shows direct line from *Walter Palmer* through *Moses Palmer*.

Moses Palmer, born April 6, 1640; married *Dorothy Gilbert*, who was a daughter of *John* and *Amy Lord Gilbert*, and according to *Wheeler's History of Stonington*, and other publications, was a direct descendant of *William, the Conqueror*. See *History of Stonington*, page 509.

THEIR CHILDREN :

MOSES, bap. November 15, 1674; m. *Abigal Allen*.

DOROTHY, b. November 7, 1675; m. *William Wilcox*.

JOHN, b. December 2, 1677; m. first *Ann Cheesebrough*, and second *Dorothy Noyes*.

AMIE or ANNIE, b. April 23, 1680; m. *Ebenezer Allen*, October 4, 1704.

REBECCA, b. April 30, 1682.

Moses Palmer, baptized November 15, 1674; married *Abigal Allen*, daughter of *Daniel* and *Mary Sherman Allen*, the granddaughter of *Reverend John Sherman*. This marriage being of April 1, 1703.

THEIR CHILDREN :

JOHN, b. June 14, 1705; m. *Anna Cheesebrough*.

AMIE, born December 3, 1706; m. *Jonathan Tracy*, February 19, 1724.

DAUGHTER, b. August 28, 1708; d. young.

ABIGAL, b. September 16, 1709; m. *Nathaniel Tracy*.

DOROTHY, b. November 20, 1711; m. *Abijah Palmer*.

MARY, b. June 28, 1713.

MOSES, b. July 18, 1715; d. young.

SUBMIT, b. May 3, 1718; m. *Nehemiah Palmer*.

REBECCA, b. April 5, 1720.

LOIS, b. March 3, 1722.

MOSES, b. April 3, 1726; m. *Prudence Turner*.

Dorothy Palmer, born November 20, 1711; married December 2, 1733, *Abijah Palmer*. He died March 7, 1793, and she died March 10, 1741.

THEIR CHILDREN :

JERUSHA, b. May 16, 1734; m. Benjamin Adams, May 9, 1757.

LYDIA PALMER, b. July 24, 1736; m. September 22, 1765, Captain
William Pendleton.

The above data complete the two direct lines from the Puritan *Walter Palmer* to *Lydia Palmer*, through the two sons of *Walter Palmer*, to wit: *Nehemiah* and *Moses*. *Lydia Palmer* was, therefore, the great-great-granddaughter of the said *Walter Palmer*.

It is worthy of consideration that the blood of *Walter Palmer* and his wife, *Rebecca Short*, is again reunited in this, their descendant, *Lydia Palmer*, and that in this reuniting there is also brought to *Lydia Palmer* the lineages of the *Lord* Family, the *Stanton*, the *Saxton*, the *Gilbert*, the *Allen*, and the *Sherman* Families, and their great lines of ancestors existing far back in the history of England.

Here ends data as to the Palmer Family, except as to the descendants of *Lydia Palmer*, whose marriage and children are given in the Pendleton and Wilcox Lines.

NOTE.—*William Pendleton*, it seems, was married before his marriage to *Lydia Palmer*, and also a third marriage took place after the death of *Lydia Palmer Pendleton*, the third marriage being with *Priscilla Cheesebrough*. Some confusion existed in trying to determine which wife was the mother of *William Pendleton's* daughter *Polly Pendleton*, but that has been established beyond doubt as appears in the Pendleton Genealogy, and now confirmed by further research. The following is from the Pendleton Genealogy:

“No record exists of Captain Pendleton’s first marriage, but as we have seen in the deed he gave his brother Amos, in 1760, his first wife’s name was Judith, and his granddaughters and other aged descendants who were living in 1887-88 agree that her surname was Carr.”

“That William married second at Stonington, Conn., September 22, 1765, *Lydia Palmer* (First Church Records) there can be no reasonable doubt. He was living in that town from 1760-1769, as has been shown from the Stoning-

ton deeds, and we have record of no other William Pendleton, who could have contracted this marriage."

"Fourteen months after this date of marriage, his daughter, Mary, was born, while before that time, no child had been born to him for five years. Moreover one of his twin daughters, born after Mary, was named Bridget, a name which had never before appeared in the Pendleton Families, while common among the Palmers."

The name Mary above given is frequently called Polly, as in this case Mary Pendleton is Polly Pendleton, which is also the case of her daughter, Mary Wilcox, who was usually known as Polly Wilcox.

Two lines of descent from the Puritan *Walter Palmer*.

First Line.

WALTER PALMER and REBECCA SHORT.
NEHEMIAH PALMER and HANNAH L. STANTON.
NEHEMIAH PALMER and JERUSHA SAXTON.
ABIJAH PALMER and DOROTHY PALMER.
LYDIA PALMER and WILLIAM PENDLETON.
POLLY PENDLETON and ISAIAH WILCOX.
POLLY WILCOX and ISAAC BROWN, JR.
RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN and MARY POTTER BROWNELL.
ISAAC BROWNELL BROWN and HANNAH PARTINGTON.
RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN and BONNELL JOURDET.
RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN, THE THIRD.

Second Line.

WALTER PALMER and REBECCA SHORT.
MOSES PALMER and DOROTHY GILBERT.
MOSES PALMER and ABIGAL ALLEN.
DOROTHY PALMER and ABIJAH PALMER.
LYDIA PALMER and WILLIAM PENDLETON.
POLLY PENDLETON and ISAIAH WILCOX.
POLLY WILCOX and ISAAC BROWN, JR.
RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN and MARY POTTER BROWNELL.
ISAAC BROWNELL BROWN and HANNAH PARTINGTON.
RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN and BONNELL JOURDET.
RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN, THE THIRD.

THE RANDALL FAMILY.

John Randall appears to be the progenitor of the Randall Family at Westerly and Stonington. As early as 1667 he was at Westerly, having gone to that place from Newport, where the remainder of his life was passed.

He married Elizabeth, whose surname has not been learned. He died in 1685, and his wife in the same year.

The Randall Family came from England, but the time of their embarkation is not known or it is not disclosed by any data at hand. It has been supposed and believed that this same Randall Family is descended from the Randall people who were in the Norman Conquest. The names appear in the noted "Domesday Book," and in the records of land distribution, but where there is an uncertainty it seems wise not to claim descent, and, therefore, it is better to commence this genealogical statement with the progenitor above named, *John Randall* and his wife *Elizabeth*.

CHILDREN :

JOHN, b. in 1666; m. first at Stonington, Abigail ———, second Mary Baldwin, granddaughter of the Progenitor Walter Palmer. He died at Stonington in an honored old age.

STEPHEN, b. in 1668; m. Abigail Sabin, December 24, 1697.

MATTHEW, b. in 1671; in about 1693 m. Eleanor ———.

PETER, b. in 1674; m. Elizabeth Polly, and second Phœbe Benjamin.

Matthew Randall and *Eleanor* were married about 1693. He was born 1671, and died at Hopkinton, R. I. But little has been learned of this family.

CHILDREN :

ELEANOR, b. June 24, 1694.

MERCY, b. May 16, 1696; m. July 12, 1716, *Stephen Wilcox*.

MARY, b. April 21, 1700; m. Cable Pendleton, Jr.

BENJAMIN, b. 1702; m. Mary Babcock.

ELIZABETH, b. about 1704; m. Edwin Wells.

NOTE.—From the marriage of *Mercy Randall* and *Stephen* above named, our Brown Family is descended through the Wilcox Line. For children of this marriage, see Wilcox Family.

There are few New England families of higher record than the Randall Family, and the descendants of the progenitor have been illustrious in the professions and especially noted for services in all the wars in which this nation has been engaged.

Direct descent from John Randall to our Brown Family.

JOHN RANDALL and ELIZABETH ———.

MATTHEW RANDALL and ELEANOR ———.

MERCY RANDALL and STEPHEN WILCOX.

ISAIAH WILCOX and SARAH LEWIS.

ISAIAH WILCOX and POLLY PENDLETON.

POLLY WILCOX and ISAAC BROWN, JR.

RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN and MARY POTTER BROWNELL.

ISAAC BROWNELL BROWN and HANNAH PARTINGTON.

RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN and BONNELL JOURDET.

RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN, THE THIRD.

THE THOMAS STANTON FAMILY.

Thomas Stanton, who became one of the first planters of Stonington, Connecticut, was born and educated in England. His special instructions were given with reference to his becoming an officer in the English Army, but in time he became averse to the profession of arms. This seems to have been occasioned by the deep interest taken by him in the religious views of the Puritans who saw in America a haven for, not only freedom, but religious liberty.

In the good ship *Bonaventure* he embarked for the Great Land of Promise in 1635, on the second of January, having first landed in Virginia, soon after which he went to Boston. There has been some conjecture as to his first landing in Virginia, it being claimed that he visited the Washington Family, with which it has been claimed there was a relationship. No tangible evidence in support of such relationship is at hand, but in the Cheesebrough Genealogy, some data is given at page 535, which has some bearing on that subject.

Mr. Stanton on his way from Virginia to Boston, came in contact with several tribes of Indians, with whom he mingled freely, learning their habits and customs, as well as their dif-

ferent dialects or languages. He treated these Indians kindly and thus secured their friendship.

On account of his culture and refinement he was soon brought into close relationship with Governor Winthrop and his close associates, who quickly discovered that he was a man of great worth. This condition brought him eminence and distinction and very justly so.

Within one year after his arrival in Boston, he was selected as an Indian interpreter, with two other men on a mission to Saybrook, Connecticut, to hold a conference with the Pequot Indians relative to the murder of two white men.

Subsequently Mr. Stanton located at Hartford, at which place he for a time established his abode. This was in the year 1637, and here again he became of great service to the Colony of Connecticut in relation to the establishment of white settlements among the Indians. In all conferences with the wild men of the forest, he was the interpreter for the Colony of Connecticut, and later was by agreement among the Colonies designated as the Indian Interpreter of New England.

In the discharge of these duties, of a dangerous nature, Mr. Stanton traveled much through the wilderness in effecting and enforcing treaties with the Indians. It was on one of these journeys that he met William Cheesebrough, on returning from a conference with the Narragansett Chief, Ninigret. Here began a friendship between Mr. Stanton and Mr. Cheesebrough which continued through life and resulted in their both fixing upon Stonington as their permanent abode.

In 1657, Mr. Stanton consummated his plan of a permanent abode at Stonington, but still served the public as Indian interpreter for all New England, being thus employed by the Commissioners of the United Colonies. He also acted as American Agent for the London Missionary Society, in the effort of that organization to Christianize America's first inhabitants.

Many of the Indians were fond of him because he trusted them and treated them kindly. He filled many public offices, such as Magistrate, Commissioner, Deputy and Representa-

tive to the General Court of Connecticut, and to these and other positions he was elected year after year, until death terminated his eventful career.

In 1670, the noted Indian Uncas, the Mohegan Chief, whose grave is within the City of Norwich, Connecticut, at which a monument has been erected, sought Mr. Stanton to make his will, which request was granted midst a great assemblage of Mohegan Chiefs and Warriors.

In his time, Mt. Stanton was a great man, and his name is connected with the leading measures of the Colony of Connecticut in its early history. He brought with him from Old England to the New World, pluck, kindness, ability, integrity, and solid courage, and was thus enabled to do a good work for humanity while passing on to the termination of his career. He died December 2, 1677, aged 68 years.

He married Ann Lord, daughter of Dr. Thomas Lord and Dorothy Lord of Hartford, thus uniting the blood of two of the strongest families of Colonial days.

THEIR CHILDREN :

THOMAS, b. in 1638; m. Sarah Denison, daughter of Captain George Denison.

JOHN, b. 1641; m. Hannah Thompson.

MARY, b. in 1643; m. Samuel Rogers.

HANNAH LORD, b. in 1644; m. *Nehemiah Palmer*.

JOSEPH, b. in 1646; bap. March 21, 1646; m. first Hannah Mead, and second Hannnah Lord.

DANIEL, b. in 1648; d. early in life.

DOROTHY, b. in 1651; m. Reverend James Noyes.

ROBERT, b. in 1653; m. Joannah Gardner.

SARAH, b. in 1655; m. first Thomas Prentice, second William Denison.

SAMUEL, b. in 1657; m. Borodell Denison.

NOTE.—The descendants of Thomas Stanton have occupied positions of prominence in this Republic. One reference: Henry Brewster Stanton was a celebrated lecturer, eloquent and powerful, vying with the great men of his time in the opposition to the extension of slavery, having for his cotemporaries such men as Garrison and Phillips. He was world-wide in his fame as an orator and statesman. He was also famous as the husband of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, who moved the world in her oratory for Woman Suffrage.

For descent of the Brown Line, see *Nehemiah Palmer*, of the Palmer Family, who married the above named *Hannah Lord Stanton*, November 20, 1662.

Direct line of descent from Stanton Family to our Brown Family.

THOMAS STANTON and ANN LORD.
HANNAH L. LORD and NEHEMIAH PALMER.
NEHEMIAH PALMER and JERUSHA SAXTON.
ABIJAH PALMER and DOROTHY PALMER.
LYDIA PALMER and CAPTAIN WILLIAM PENDLETON.
POLLY PENDLETON and ISAIAH WILCOX.
POLLY WILCOX and ISAAC BROWN, JR.
RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN and MARY POTTER BROWNELL.
ISAAC BROWNELL BROWN and HANNAH PARTINGTON.
RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN and BONNELL JOURDET.
RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN, THE THIRD.

THE THOMAS SAXTON FAMILY.

From the Genealogies of the Stonington, Westerly and New London Families, it is impossible to ascertain a complete record of the above named family and the career of the members thereof. However, intermarriages with the leading families of New England give assurance that the Saxton people were of prominence and character.

In so far as is ascertained, the lineage of our Brown Family with the Saxton Family commences with *Thomas Saxton*. From the Cheesebrough Genealogy it is learned that this *Thomas Saxton* married *Ann Copp*, who was a daughter of *William Copp*, who was born in England and came to America in 1635, when he was 26 years of age.

No list of the children of *Thomas Saxton* and *Ann Copp Saxton* has been secured beyond the fact that they had a son *Joseph Saxton*.

Captain *Joseph Saxton*, the above named, was born May 9, 1656, in Boston, and died July 18, 1715. He married July 15, 1680, Mrs. *Hannah Denison Cheesebrough*, widow of Nathaniel Cheesebrough, and daughter of Captain *George Denison*, by his first wife, *Bridget Thompson*.

THEIR CHILDREN :

MARY, bap. September 4, 1681; m. first Benjamin Miner, m. second Joseph Page.

JERUSHA, bap. December 2, 1683; m. first *Nehemiah Palmer*, m. second William Buel.

MERCY, bap. May 30, 1686; m. first Isaac Bailey, m. second William Dewey.

NOTE.—From the above named Mercy Saxton and William Dewey came Admiral Dewey, who on the first of May, 1898, commanded the American Navy that fought the renowned Battle of Manila Bay. Admiral Dewey and the Brown Family have a common ancestor in Captain *George Denison*.

The descent of *Jerusha Saxton Palmer* and *Nehemiah Palmer* is down through the Palmer, the Pendleton, the Wilcox, and Brown Lines.

Direct descent.

THOMAS SAXTON and ANN COPP.

JOSEPH SAXTON and HANNAH DENISON CHEESEBROUGH.

JERUSHA SAXTON and NEHEMIAH PALMER.

ABIJAH PALMER and DOROTHY PALMER.

LYDIA PALMER and CAPTAIN WILLIAM PENDLETON.

POLLY PENDLETON and ISAIAH WILCOX.

POLLY WILCOX and ISAAC BROWN, JR.

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RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN, THE THIRD.

THE THOMPSON FAMILY.

In Wheeler's History of Stonington, a brief statement is made of two John Thompson Families, but the one in which our Brown Family has an interest is John Thompson, No. 2, as Bridget Thompson was a daughter of this John Thompson. She became the wife of Captain George Denison.

John Thompson, in the year 1626, was living in the Parish of Preston Capes, Northamptonshire, England, with his wife *Alice*. He made his will on the 6th day of November, 1626, but lived a very short time thereafter, as his will was pro-

bated on the 11th day of April, 1627, in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury.

He had a son, Thomas, who may be a son through a former wife, but there is no clear record of this conjecture. It does not appear that this son, Thomas, came to America. It does, however, appear that the widow, Alice, with her children, came to America and were here prior to 1640, as before that date she was living at Roxbury, Massachusetts.

The Thompson Family in their English home, held a high position and their social status being highly commended. Mistress Alice was a lady of high character and refinement. Her success in bringing her children through all their troubles, so well preparing them to meet the duties of life, which they had to assume, deprived as they were without the advice of their father, speaks strongly of the worth of this ancestor, Alice Thompson.

THEIR CHILDREN:

MARY, b. November 14, 1619; m. Reverend Richard Blinman.

DOROTHY, b. July 5, 1621; d. October 19, 1621.

BRIDGET, b. September 11, 1622; m. Captain *George Denison*; d. 1643.

DOROTHY, b. July 5, 1624; m. Thomas Park.

NATHANIEL, b. October 15, 1625.

MARTHA, b. December 17, 1626.

NOTE.—From this Thompson Family, our Brown Family is descended through the Denison, the Saxton, the Palmer, the Pendleton, and Wilcox Families.

Direct line of descent of our Brown Family from the Thompson Family.

JOHN THOMPSON and ALICE ———.

BRIDGET THOMPSON and CAPTAIN GEORGE DENISON.

HANNAH DENISON and CAPTAIN JOSEPH SAXTON.

JERUSHA SAXTON and NEHEMIAH PALMER.

ABIJAH PALMER and DOROTHY PALMER.

LYDIA PALMER and CAPTAIN WILLIAM PENDLETON.

POLLY PENDLETON and ISAIAH WILCOX.

POLLY WILCOX and ISAAC BROWN, JR.

RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN and MARY POTTER BROWNELL.
ISAAC BROWNELL BROWN and HANNAH PARTINGTON.
RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN and BONNELL JOURDET.
RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN, THE THIRD.

SOME LINES OF DESCENT.

The Palmer-Grant Line.

WALTER PALMER and FIRST WIFE?
GRACE PALMER and THOMAS MINER.
JOHN MINER and ELIZABETH BOOTH.
GRACE MINER and SAMUEL GRANT.
NOAH GRANT and MARTHA HUNTINGTON.
NOAH GRANT, JR., and SARAH DELANO.
NOAH GRANT, THE THIRD, and RACHEL KELLEY.
JESSE GRANT and HANNAH SIMPSON.
ULYSSES S. GRANT and JULIA B. DENT.

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The Palmer-Brown Line.

WALTER PALMER and REBECCA SHORT, SECOND WIFE.
NEHEMIAH PALMER and HANNAH LORD STANTON.
ABIJAH PALMER and DOROTHY PALMER.
LYDIA PALMER and WILLIAM PENDLETON.
POLLY PENDLETON and ISAIAH WILCOX.
POLLY WILCOX and ISAAC BROWN, JR.
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RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN and BONNELL JOURDET.
RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN, THE THIRD.

The Denison-Dewey Line.

CAPTAIN GEORGE DENISON and BRIDGET THOMPSON.
HANNAH DENISON and CAPTAIN JOSEPH SAXTON.
MERCY SAXTON and WILLIAM DEWEY.
JOSIAH DEWEY and HEPZIBAH LYMAN.
JOSIAH DEWEY and MEHITABLE MILLER.
WILLIAM DEWEY and MERCY BAILEY.
SIMEON DEWEY and ANNAH PHELPS.
CAPTAIN SIMEON DEWEY and PRUDENCE YEOMANS.
DR. JULIUS DEWEY and MARY PERRIN.
THEIR SON, ADMIRAL GEORGE DEWEY.

The Denison-Brown Line.

CAPTAIN GEORGE DENISON and BRIDGET THOMPSON.
HANNAH DENISON and JOSEPH SAXTON.
JERUSHA SAXTON and NEHEMIAH PALMER.
ABIJAH PALMER and DOROTHY PALMER.
LYDIA PALMER and CAPTAIN WILLIAM PENDLETON.
POLLY PENDLETON and ISAIAH WILCOX.
POLLY WILCOX and ISAAC BROWN, JR.
RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN and MARY POTTER BROWNELL.
ISAAC BROWNELL BROWN and HANNAH PARTINGTON.
RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN and BONNELL JOURDET.
RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN, THE THIRD.

The Hazard Line.

THOMAS HAZARD and MARTHA HAZARD.
ROBERT HAZARD and MARY BROWNELL.
THOMAS HAZARD and SUSANNAH NICHOLS.
ROBERT HAZARD and SARAH BORDEN.
THOMAS HAZARD and ELIZABETH ROBINSON.
ROWLAND HAZARD and MARY PEACE.
ROWLAND GIBSON HAZARD and CAROLINE NEWBOLD.
ROWLAND HAZARD and ANN WOOD.
CAROLINE HAZARD, Formerly President of Wellesley College.

The Hazard-Brown Line.

THOMAS HAZARD and MARTHA HAZARD.
ROBERT HAZARD and MARY BROWNELL.
MARY HAZARD and EDWARD WILCOX.
STEPHEN WILCOX and MERCY RANDALL.
REV. ISAIAH WILCOX and SARAH LEWIS.
ISAIAH WILCOX and POLLY PENDLETON.
POLLY WILCOX and ISAAC BROWN, JR.
RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN and MARY POTTER BROWNELL.
ISAAC BROWNELL BROWN and HANNAH PARTINGTON.
RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN and BONNELL JOURDET.
RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN, THE THIRD.

The Pendleton Line.

BRIAN PENDLETON and ELEANOR PRICE.
JAMES PENDLETON and HANNAH GOODENOW.
JOSEPH PENDLETON and PATIENCE POTTS.

WILLIAM PENDLETON and MARY McDOWELL.
NATHAN PENDLETON and AMELIA BABCOCK.
NATHAN PENDLETON and PHŒBE COLE.
ENOCH B. PENDLETON and MARY E. CHAPMAN.
ELLEN FRITZ PENDLETON, now President of Wellesley College.

The Pendleton-Brown Line.

BRIAN PENDLETON and ELEANOR PRICE.
JAMES PENDLETON and HANNAH GOODENOW.
JOSEPH PENDLETON and PATIENCE POTTS.
COLONEL WILLIAM PENDLETON and LYDIA BURROWS.
CAPTAIN WILLIAM PENDLETON and LYDIA PALMER.
POLLY PENDLETON and ISAIAH WILCOX.
POLLY WILCOX and ISAAC BROWN, JR.
RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN and MARY POTTER BROWNELL.
ISAAC BROWNELL BROWN and HANNAH PARTINGTON.
RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN and BONNELL JOURDET.
RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN, THE THIRD.

Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry, who fought the Battle of Lake Erie in the War of 1812, and Commodore Mathew Calbraith Perry, who commanded the Gulf Squadron in the Mexican War, and later commanded the American Navy and opened the Ports of Japan in 1854, were brothers.

These officers of the U. S. Navy have a common ancestor with our Brown Family in Thomas Hazard, the Progenitor of that family in America, as appears in the following direct lines.

The Hazard-Perry Line.

THOMAS HAZARD and MARTHA HAZARD.
ROBERT HAZARD and MARY BROWNELL.
GEORGE HAZARD and PENELOPE ARNOLD.
OLIVER HAZARD and ELIZABETH RAYMOND.
MERCY HAZARD and FREEMAN PERRY.
CHRISTOPHER RAYMOND PERRY and SARAH ALEXANDER.

THEIR SONS:

COMMODORE OLIVER HAZARD PERRY.
COMMODORE MATHEW CALBRAITH PERRY.

The Hazard-Brown Line.

THOMAS HAZARD and MARTHA HAZARD.
ROBERT HAZARD and MARY BROWNELL.
MARY HAZARD and EDWARD WILCOX.
STEPHEN WILCOX and MERCY RANDALL.
REV. ISAIAH WILCOX and SARAH LEWIS.
ISAIAH WILCOX and POLLY PENDLETON.
POLLY WILCOX and ISAAC BROWN, JR.
RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN, FIRST, and MARY POTTER BROWNELL.
ISAAC BROWNELL BROWN and HANNAH PARTINGTON.
RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN, SECOND, and BONNELL JOURDET.
RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN, THIRD.

The following exhibit will show that Rasselas Wilcox Brown and Mary Potter Brownell Brown both descended from Thomas Brownell, of Portsmouth, Rhode Island, the Progenitor of the Brownell Family in America.

Interest is added to this reuniting of the Brownell blood in the descendants of our parents, in that they lived their married life of fifty-four years and never knew they had a common ancestor in said Thomas Brownell.

The Brownell-Hazard-Wilcox Line.

THOMAS BROWNELL and ANN BROWNELL.
MARY BROWNELL and ROBERT HAZARD.
HANNAH HAZARD and STEPHEN WILCOX.
EDWARD WILCOX and MARY HAZARD.
REV. ISAIAH WILCOX and SARAH LEWIS.
DEA ISAIAH WILCOX and POLLY PENDLETON.
POLLY WILCOX and ISAAC BROWN, JR.
RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN and MARY POTTER BROWNELL.

The Brownell Line.

THOMAS BROWNELL and ANN BROWNELL.
THOMAS BROWNELL and MARY PEARCE.
CHARLES BROWNELL and MARY WOOD.
CHARLES BROWNELL and CONTENT SHAW.
JEDEDIAH BROWNELL and EUNICE WATKINS.
MARY POTTER BROWNELL and RASSELAS WILCOX BROWN.

THE WILL OF CAPTAIN GEORGE DENISON.

In the Denison Line, as appears in this publication, the first in that line is John Denison, who was born probably quite early in the Sixteenth Century, and with him as a beginner of our Denison Genealogy, down to and including Rasselas Wilcox Brown, The Third, there is covered thirteen generations, or somewhat near four hundred years.

From all the data at hand, the Denison Family has given evidence of eminence in the affairs of the world both in war and in peace, whether the career be in England, the American Colonies, or the United States.

Some references have been made to the worth of this family, and in particular to Captain George Denison, whose life story reads like a romance, which is somewhat accentuated in that he is the ancestor of Admiral Dewey of the American Navy. The importance of Captain George Denison is seen in the Colonial History of New England. As he is one of the ancestors of our Brown Family, there is submitted as evidence of his service, his comprehension, his care, his religious convictions and property accumulations, his will, as published in the History of Stonington.

STONINGTON, Nov. 20, 1693.

I, George Denison of Stonington, in the County of New London and Colony of Connecticut, in New England, being aged and crazy in body, but sound in mind and memory, and being desirous to make preparation for death, and to set my house in order before I die, I do, therefore, as it becometh a Christian, first, freely and from my heart, resign my soul, through Christ, into the hands of God who gave it to me, and my body to the earth from whence it came, and to be buried in decent manner by my executor and friends, in the hope of a joyful and glorious resurrection, through the perfect merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, my strong Redeemer.

And as concerning my outward estate, which the Lord hath still entrusted me with after all my just debts are paid, I give and dispose of as followeth: First, I give and bequeath unto my dear and loving wife, Ann Denison, my new mansion

place, to wit, the house we live in, the barns and buildings, the orchards, and the whole tract of land and improvements thereon, as far as Mistuxet eastward, and it is bounded upon record, south, west, and north, except only thirty acres given to my son, John Denison, which is to lie on the south side next to Capt. Mason's, east of our field, and also one hundred pounds in stock, prized at the county price, all of which is and hath been under our son William Denison's improvement and management for these several years to mutual comfort and content, which I do will and bequeath unto my said wife for her comfortable supply during her natural life.

And I give unto my said wife, all the household stuff that was and is properly belonging unto us, before my son William took the charge of the family, to be wholly at her disposal, to bequeath to whom she pleaseth at her death.

Unto my oldest son, John Denison, I have already given his portion, and secured to him by a deed of deeds, and I do also give unto him, his heirs or assigns, forever, a county grant of two hundred acres of land or two hundred pounds in silver money, which grant may be found on the General Court Records.

Also I give unto him, my great sword and the gauntlet which I wore in the wars of England, and a silver spoon of ten shillings, marked G. & A. Unto my son, George Denison, I have formerly given a farm, lying and being at the northwest angle of Stonington bounds, and adjoining the ten-mile tree of the said bounds, which farm contained one hundred and fifty acres, more or less, as also, the one-half of a thousand acres of land, lying to the northward or northwest of Norwich, given to me as a legacy by Joshua the son of Uncas, the same time Mohegan sachem, the same land to be divided as may more fully appear in the deed, which I then gave him of both those tracts in one deed, signed and sealed with both my own and my wife's hand, and delivered to him and witnessed, and I have several times tendered to him to acknowledge it before authority, that so it might have been recorded according to the formality of law, the which he had wholly neglected or refused, and will not comply with me therein, and yet hath sold both those parcels of land and re-

ceived pay for them; what his motive may be I cannot certainly divine, but have it to fear they are not good, nor tending to peace after my decease. Wherefore, to prevent further trouble, I see cause herein to acknowledge said deed, and to confirm those said parcels of land unto him, according to the date of said deed, and the conditions therein expressed, but do hereby renounce any other deed not herein expressed, the which two tracts of land before mentioned, with two Indian servants, to wit, an Indian youth or young man, and a woman, together with a considerable stock of neat cattle, horses, sheep and swine I then give him, and permitted him to have and carry with him, I do now confirm to him the which was and is to be, the whole of his portion, I either have or do see cause to give him, and I give unto him twenty shillings in silver, or a cutlas or rapier, the which I leave to the discretion of my executors, to choose which of them to do.

Unto my son William Denison, I have formerly given him one hundred and thirty acres of land, be it more or less, to wit: all of the land to the eastward of Mistuxet brook which did originally belong unto my new mansion place, and is part of three hundred acres granted unto me by New London, as may appear upon record, and three hundred acres of land, lying and cutting upon the north boundary of Stonington, as may more fully appear upon record in Stonington, and the native right thereof, with some addition, confirmed to me by Oneco, as may more fully appear by deed under his hand and seal, acknowledged before Capt. Mason, and recorded in Stonington. Also, I then gave him two Indian servants, viz: John, whom I bought of the county, and his son Job, which was born in our house, together with one-third part of stock which we have together, all which as aforesaid we formerly give unto my son William Denison by a former deed, unto our hands and seals, and I see just reason to confirm the same unto my son William in this my last will, that so I may take off all scruple or doubt respecting the said deed. Moreover, I give unto my son William Denison, fifty acres of land, as it was laid out and bounded unto me by Stonington surveyors, and joins upon the before-mentioned three hundred acres, on south side thereof, cuts

also upon lands belonging to my son John Denison, to be to him my said son William Denison, and his heirs forever. Also, I give unto my son William Denison, and his heirs forever, the one-half of my allotment at Windham, to wit, five hundred acres of land, which is a part of a legacy given me by Joshua, the son of Uncas, the same time sachem of Mohegan, as may more fully appear upon the Court Records at New London, as also, upon that former experience we have had of his great industry and child-like duty in the management of all our concern, for our comfort and comfortable supply, &c., it is therefore my will, and in confidence of his love, duty and wonted care of his loving mother, my dear wife, after my decease, I say, I do still continue him in the possession and improvement of my new mansion place, with the stock mentioned herein in my deed to my loving wife, he taking care of his said mother for her comfortable supply, with what may be necessary for her comfort during her natural life, and do, or cause to be paid to his said mother, forty shillings in silver money yearly, or half-yearly, while she shall live, and at her decease, I fully and absolutely give and bequeath that my aforesaid mansion place, together with the stock mentioned before, unto my said son, William Denison and his heirs forever.

Also, I give unto my son, William Denison, my rapier, and broad buff belt, and tin cartridge box, which I used in the Indian wars, together with my long carbine, which belt and sword I used in the same service.

Unto my eldest daughter, Sarah Stanton, as I have given her formerly her portion as I was then able, so I do now give her ten pounds out of the stock as pay, and one silver spoon of ten shillings price, marked G. & A. Unto my daughter Hannah Saxton, as I have given unto her, also, her portion as I was then able, so I do now give unto her ten pounds out of the stock, as pay.

Unto my daughter Ann Palmer, besides that I have formerly given her, I do now give her ten pounds out of the stock as pay.

Unto my daughter Margaret Brown, I have given already her portion, and give ten pounds out of the stock, as pay.

Unto my daughter Borrodel Stanton, I have formerly given, and do now give her five pounds out of the stock as pay, and command it to my beloved wife, that at or before her death, she would give her silver cup, which was sent us from England, with brother Borrodel's name, J. B., under the head, to her.

Unto my grandson, George Denison, the son of my oldest son John Denison, I give my black-fringed shoulder belt, and twenty shillings in silver money, toward the purchase of a handsome rapier to wear with it.

Unto my grandson, George Palmer, I give the grant of one hundred acres of land, which was granted unto me by the town of Stonington, not yet laid out, or forty shillings out of my stock, as pay, at the discretion of my executor to choose which. And whereas there is considerable rent due me for a house of my wife in Cork, in Ireland, which was given unto her as a legacy by her father, John Borrodel, at his death, and no doubt may appear upon record in Cork, the which house stands upon lands which they call Bishop's land, and was built by our said father, he to have lived in the same, whereof my said wife was next to himself, as may also appear there upon record; and whereas I have a right to land in the Narragansett country, which is mine by deed of the native right from the true proprietors thereof, as may appear upon record in Boston, and in the records of Stonington, the which, my rights, have been and are under the possession and improvement of those who have no just right to them, to which by reason of the many troubles, woes and difficulties which have arisen, together with our remoteness, we have not been able to vindicate our just rights, but have been great sufferers thereby; but if it please God to send peaceable times, and our rights be recordable in law, I do by this my last will, give and bequeath my said right unto my sons John Denison and George Denison, to be equally divided betwixt them, provided that they each one bear their equal share in the trouble and recovery of the same. Provided, also, that my son George Denison, do relinquish and deliver up any right he may pretend unto by a former deed which I gave him of the one-half of Achagromeconsist, according as I formerly obliged him to do in a deed I gave

him of the other farm, and gave him upon that consideration. And in reference with Nathaniel Beebe, who hath been a retainer and boarder in our family between thirty and forty years, and for his board at our last reckoning, which was March 20th, 1680, he was indebted to me forty-six pounds six shillings and three pence, I say 46, 6s. & 3d. as may appear under his hand to said account in my book, since which time he hath boarded in the family near upon fourteen years, which at four shillings and six pence the week, amounts to one hundred and sixty-three pounds, sixteen shillings, out of which I do give unto Nathaniel Beebe, fifty pounds, in way of gratification and satisfaction for his love to me and my children and offices of love shown unto myself and any of them in mine or their sickness or weakness, which fifty pounds must be deducted from the one hundred and sixty-three pounds, sixteen shillings, and the remainder will be one hundred and thirteen pounds, which one hundred and thirteen pounds, sixteen shillings, together with the forty-six pounds, six shillings and three pence due upon book, under his hand, at our last reckoning as aforesaid, being added unto one hundred and thirteen and sixteen shillings, the whole will be 160, 2s, 3d, the which I give unto my son William Denison, and his heirs forever, for him or them or any of them, or if they cause to demand, receive and improve as their own proper estate.

Also, I give unto my son William Denison, all and singular, whatsoever that belongeth unto me, not already disposed of, to be to him and his heirs forever, whom also I do hereby constitute, appoint and make my sole executor, to pay all just debts, if any shall appear of which I know not any, and to receive all dues which either are or shall be due to me, and to pay all legacies according to this my will, within twelve months after my wife's decease, and to take care for my decent burial. But in case my son William Denison shall decease before he hath performed this my will, or before his children are of age, then my will is that the whole estate be under the improvement of his wife, our daughter-in-law Sarah Denison, during the time of her widowhood, for her comfortable supply, and the well educating and bringing up their children in religion and good learning; all of which

she shall do by the advice of the Reverend and my loving friend Mr. James Noyes, my son John Denison and my son-in-law, Gershom Palmer, them or any two of them, if three cannot be obtained; but without advice she may not act, which three my dear friends, I do earnestly desire and hereby appoint as overseers for the children, and to take effectual care that this my will may be performed according to the true intent thereof; but if my said daughter-in-law shall marry again, then this whole estate do fall into the hands of my overseers, and by them to be secured for my son William Denison's children, to wit, William Denison, George Denison and Sarah Denison, and by those overseers to be improved for their well bringing up as aforesaid, and faithfully to be delivered unto the children as they shall come of age, to wit: the males at twenty-one years of age, and the females at eighteen; and if any of the said children should die before they come of age, the survivors shall inherit the same, and if they should all die before of age (the which God forbid, but we are all mortal), then it is my declared mind and true intent of this my last will that my grandson George Denison, the son of my eldest son John Denison, shall be the sole heir of that estate, out of which he shall pay unto his four brothers, to wit, John Denison, Robert Denison, William Denison, and Daniel Denison, ten pounds apiece in current pay, and also ten pounds in current pay unto his cousin, Edward Denison, the son of my son, George Denison; and in token that this is my last will and testament, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 24th day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand six hundred and ninety-three-four.

GEORGE DENISON (Seal).

IN CONCLUSION.

A careful study of the data embraced in this volume must increase our family pride. The distinguished services of our ancestors in Colonial times, their courage displayed in halls of legislation and on the fields of conflict in the American Revolution, their valor in all wars waged in defense of the Republic and for the perpetuation of our American institutions, are worthy of high commendation and veneration. Possibly the facts, though feebly presented here, may lead to higher ideals in our own lives and be an inspiration for good in our descendants.

TO MY KINDRED.

The admonitions that there must be sincere devotion in our religious activities and strict fidelity in our homes, are commendable, and certainly loyalty to Country, the Flag and our institutions, must exist, and have an abiding place in our lives if we would arise to the full measure of our duty as American citizens.

Commendable as are books of fiction, this little volume is predicated on authenticated facts, the study of which gives us profound veneration for those of our Ancestral Lines who heard and responded to the "Lexington Alarm" and fought in the "Army of the Revolution" under the immortal Washington until American Independence was assured by the surrender at Yorktown.

To have the blood of these patriots in our veins,—American blood for one hundred and fifty years,—is a consummation which must accentuate our love for our America.

I will deposit a copy of this volume in all the State Libraries and in some city and town libraries.

Errors will probably be found, and if so, kindly refer to the date of my birth as found herein and then, be charitable.

Fraternally,

ISAAC BROWNELL BROWN.

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